

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M. June 18, 2023
Third Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

People: Lord, send us out into your harvest.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and

forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Pastor

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread." Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Then the Lord said to

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 362). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 59). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.” Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.” Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Elder

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of

Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

—Monica L. Wilkinson

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NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Diane Overmohle

(melanoma taking 2 oral chemo meds, plus other health issues)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Doug O'Bannon (Prayers for rehab and recovery He is at Madonna Rehab Hospital in Omaha.)

Shari O'Bannon

Kathleen Sydnor

Gene Huelman

Dennis Pfrimmer & Family

George & Darlene Franzkowiak

Carol Wendel

Randy Leask

Tom McDonough & Family

Mark Siebrecht & Family

Mark Diersen

Jon Snyder

Hazel Snyder

Dexter Meseck

Brenda Segebart

Vacation Bible School

Malia Meyer

Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)

Prayers for the Churches

June 18, 2023 Pray for the PC(USA) Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing Pentecost Peace & Global Witness Christmas Joy

June 25, 2023 First, Alta – Rev. Denise Parrello

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Glenda Turnquist (June 22nd)

Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME”

HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” #382

SERMON “Promises Kept!”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** “Count Your Blessings” #563

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG** “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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2023 PER CAPITA

2023 Per Capita amount is \$48.35. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check "Per Capita".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2023

18 Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

19 Monday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

15 Thursday

7:00 pm Online Bible Devotional

25 Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship



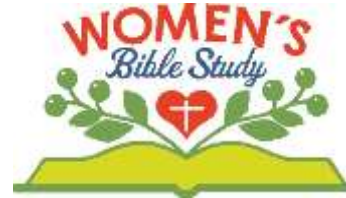
POPCORN DAYS FLOAT

The Theme this year is: Schaller Pop Corn Days: How Sweet It Will Be!



IT'S TIME TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN!!!

Coffee Fellowship coming Sunday, June 25th after church.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

He Gets us!

Come learn about Jesus' life and how we can apply what we learn to our lives today.

Please join us on Tuesday, June 27th at 6:00 PM.

We will meet in the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church for goodies and a time of celebrating who Jesus is!



Vacation Bible School will be July 31st through August 4th from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. on July 31st for registration.) ANY students going into Kindergarten through students who have completed 5th Grade are WELCOME and ENCOURAGED to come!

This year's theme is: Hero Hotline Called Together to Serve God!

We are asking for donations of juice. Watch for more info.

Just like Dad

At the beginning of his ministry career, Jerry Steen supplemented his income by mixing animal feed. When his two young boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to the shower.

“I didn’t think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my older son doing something very strange,” Steen recalls. “He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants.” Curious, the father asked what the boy was doing. “I want to be dusty like you, Dad!” his son replied.

For Steen, that was an eye-opener. “I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father,” he says, “a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything.” What traits and qualities are you modeling and passing on — to your own kids and to anyone else who looks up to you?