

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Worship

**Schaller, Iowa
January 14, 2024**

**10:00 A. M.
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Rev. Michael Sydnor

Opening Song: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Marston School Choir

OPENING SENTENCES:

**Leader: The Lord is about to do a new thing.
People: Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.¹**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.²

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-10

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON "Can Anything Good Come Out of Schaller?"

APOSTLE'S CREED

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" Paradox

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Please pray for the church, the world, our nation, the first responders including medical personnel, the community, and people in the prayer concerns list
The Lord's Prayer**

CHARGE:

BENEDICTION:

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 219). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 219). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold? Psalm 147:17 (NRSV)

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

We are postponing the congregational meeting until January 21st because the wind chill numbers will be approaching or will be below -20 degrees. I do not want to find out that some of us could not stand before his cold. This is also one reason we are moving the worship service online. The other reason is that the online service can be heard and seen much better when it is broadcast from my house rather than the church.

As many of you know, I have been diagnosed with long Covid and have appointments with Mayo. In addition to the ones on February 6th, I now have some on March 1st and March 21st. These additional appointments give me the hope that they are looking at everything that might be contributing to my current condition. Mayo has also told me that their goal is to return my quality of life to its precovid status.

I did take a week off for the February 6th appointment, but do not anticipate taking any more time for the others. Of course, that can change. If Mayo is correct, my energy level will be much closer to my 2016 levels which could make a tremendous difference in our community outreach.

If you wish to mail a check, you can use the following address: First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 69, Schaller, Iowa 51053, or you can drop the check off at the State Bank of Schaller.

Please pray for our leaders. Pray for the people of Perry, Iowa and pray that we can discover a solution to the gun violence that our country is experiencing. Pray for the people of Gaza and Israel. Pray for Kirk's knee and Denise's medical issues. Pray for Randy Leask. Pray for Steve Schaeffer as he continues therapy at Methodist Manor. Pray for our schools. Continue to pray for the people on our prayer list. Pray for our Purple Gang program. Let us pray for our troops who are still deployed overseas and for those who are struggling with their wartime experiences.

May God bless and keep you,

Michael