

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
March 19, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Live as children of the light.

People: Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #43

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: I Samuel 16:1-13

Pastor

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 261). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 236). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-12

Elder

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." 10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. 11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." 12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #381

SERMON "Seeing What God Sees"

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Lois Kestel
(Stroke)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)
Randy Leask (Recovering from Surgeries)
Alice Spooner (Breast Cancer)
Donnie Skou (Cancer)
Jon Snyder
Ron McClintic
Florene & Richard Cork
Jim Robinson
Mark Diersen
Malia Meyer
Doug O'Bannon
Shari O'Bannon
Dexter Meseck
Hazel Snyder
Brenda Segebart
School

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

March 19

PUCC, LeMars – Rev. Janis Christensen

March 26

First - Odebolt

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 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" #601

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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".

EASTER LILIES:

Please help adorn our Sanctuary on Easter morning by sharing real or artificial Easter Lilies with us. Thank you.

Please let Rev. Michael or Denise King know if you would like to share an Easter Lilly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2023

19	Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
20	Monday		
		7:00 pm	Session Meeting
22	Wednesday		
		3:30-5:30 pm	Purple Gang
23	Thursday		
		7:00 pm	Online Bible Devotional
25	Saturday		
		10:00 am	Presbytery at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake
26	Sunday		
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Courtney Pyle (March 19th)
 Libby McDonough (March 20th)
 Beth Bailey (March 24th)
 Kirk Langner (March 31st)



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for grades K-5th.

We are thrilled to give your children an opportunity to talk, eat, and play with their friends outside of a school setting. We will maintain our policy of cancelling a Purple Gang event if the school closes due to weather or illness.

SERVERS FOR PURPLE GANG

March 22nd
Kellie Bendixen

March 29th
Sue Diersen

April 5th

April 12th



Received during the season of Lent (February 22 – April 9), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary through the season of Lent.

PLEASE mark your checks Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark OGHS. PLEASE give generously.



Parents please encourage your children to fill up their One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks.

