

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
March 23, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Third Sunday in Lent

Bev Logsdon

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: Everyone who Thirsts:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Elder: All who are hungry for righteousness:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Elder: All who need the help of God:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

*HYMN "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" #462

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Bev

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of our claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bev

*GLORIA PATRI #623

CHILDRENS TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Psalm 63:1-3 (pages 899)

Elder

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

New Testament: I Cortinthians 10:1-13 (p. 1782)

Bev

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
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HYMN "Rock Of Ages" #204

SERMON "God Is Faithful"

*HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" #284

MINUTES FOR MISSION (One Great Hour of Sharing see bulletin)

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 "Just As I Am" #342

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2025 PER CAPTA

2025 Per Capita amount is \$55.70. 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”.



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR MARCH-APRIL

March 31st

Rev. Marshall Brown

April 6th

Norman Prather (Ida Grove)

April 13th

Rev. Duane Queen

April 17th

Rev. Ken Fells (Maundy Thursday) 7:00 p.m.

April 20th

Rev. Ken Fells (Easter Sunrise) 8:00 a.m.

April 27th

Rev. Duane Queen



An old hymn declares:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad.
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad. (Horatius Bonar, 1846)

Many people these days feel exhausted by division, the news, hatred that seems louder than love. More than ever, we who are "weary, worn, and sad" need to hear Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest."

Jesus wants to be our resting place — but not so we can hide forever from reality. Instead, he offers a place of refreshment where we can relax long enough to remember that not everything is bad; there is gospel to share. Not everything is hatred; God's love is stronger.

Resting in Jesus, we focus on God's goodness. We are reminded of love shown by kind people to those in trouble, bold voices speaking for justice, warm friendships that brighten our days. Gladdened by rest, we rise again. Jesus walks with us, as always. We can lean on him every step of the way.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2025

23 Sunday (Pulpit Supply Bev Logsdon)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

26 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

30 Sunday (Pulpit Supply)

April Newsletter Deadline

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

Elder for April: Florene Cork



BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Kirk Langner (March 31st)



Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger
800 Byron Godbersen Dr #108
Ida Grove IA 51445



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. **Received during the season of Lent (March 5 – April 20)**, 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 Presbyterian come together every year to work for a better world.



The One Great Hour of Sharing Envelopes and Fish Coin Boxes can be found in 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.

Living sacrifices

To search our souls, to meditate,
will not suffice for Lent.

To share the cross, to sacrifice;
these are the things God meant.

—Jane McKay Lanning



NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:
Bruce Mentzer (radiation treatments)
The Family of Rose Bumsted

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Rev. Michael
Our Church
Our Session
Denise King

(Swallow Test & See Doctor on March 28th in Iowa City)

Judy Felten
Dave & Karen Dimmick (Cancer)
Doug O’Bannon
Randy Leask
Carol Wendel
Rich Jorgensen and Barb
Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger
Mike Madsen
Carolyn Stille
Florene Cork
Terri Rininger
Wanda Jeppeson
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

March 23rd, 2025

First, Odebolt

March 30th, 2025

Associated Church of Hawarden, Hawarden

This is the third Sunday in Lent. May we worship as did the psalmist, who wrote: “So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you” (Psalm 63:2-3, nrsv). Warm greetings to every worshiper!

