

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
March 5, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Second Sunday in Lent

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Our ancestor Abraham trusted in the Lord,

People: and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN            “The God of Abraham Praise”            #34

INVOCATION    (Please be seated)            Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION    (UNISON)            Elder

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON            Pastor

\*GLORIA PATRI    #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Leader:            The Word of the Lord:

People:            Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Elder

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” 3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” 4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” 9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. 10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 259). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 58). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” #382

**SERMON** “Go!”

## **\*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

**NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

Carol Wendel  
(Cancer surgery on March 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Joan Beebe’s Father  
Alice Spooner (Breast Cancer)

**CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)  
Randy Leask  
Ron McClintic  
Denise King  
Aubree Galvin  
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 5**

United, Manilla – Rev. Lori Shannon

**March 12**

Other Christian Churches in Your Community

\*HYMN “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” #575

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 2023

05	Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
08	Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Purple Gang
09	Thursday	7:00 pm	Online Bible Devotional
12	Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)

## 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".



## 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 8th

Jackie Mentzer

March 15th

Janice Ploeger

March 22nd

Kellie Bendixen

March 29th

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Richard Cork (March 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Courtney Pyle (March 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Beth Bailey (March 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Kirk Langner (March 31<sup>st</sup>)

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

David & Kathy Siebrecht (March 9<sup>th</sup>)



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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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 (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.

