

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Schaller, Iowa
First Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 A. M.
November 27, 2022**

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE – THE CANDLE OF HOPE

First Sunday in Advent

Adam & Melanie Pyle

Reader One: “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: “Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God’s ways and that we may walk in Gods paths’” (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled.

(Light a purple candle.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

People: the promise of God will be fulfilled.¹

Elder: Let us worship God.

***HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #123**

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON): Elder

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.² (Time of silent prayer). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5 Elder

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that

¹ **Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 176). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.**

² **Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 167). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.**

we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME

HYMN “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” **#228**

SERMON “Walking in the Light!”

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Phyllis Thayer Family
(Diane King's Mother)
Joann Reimers
(had shoulder surgery)
Baylor Bode (RSV)
(Son of Brian & Morgan Bode)
Laura Turnquist
(Upcoming Shoulder Surgery)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Joyce Currie (Home)
(knee surgery went well)
Cindy Joens (Home)
Dave Thayer (Cancer)
Ryan McDonough & Family
Mark Siebrecht & Family
Kirk Langner
Tom McDonough & Family
Malia Meyer
Richard Robinson (Stroke)
Jim Robinson (Heart Valve)
Marilyn King
Doug O'Bannon (Liver)
Shari O'Bannon
Dexter Meseck
Andy Beckord
Carissa King (Mission Work in Guatemala)
Hazel Snyder
Brenda Segebart
School

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES

Sunday, November 27

First, Sioux City & Rev. Mark Bedford

Sunday, December 4 First, Lake Park

*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 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" #233

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2022 PER CAPITA 2022 Per Capita amount is \$42.48. 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".



Poinsettias

Please help provide our church with a festive look by sharing poinsettias for the season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2022

27 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

30 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang

December 2022

01 Thursday

7:00 pm Online Devotional Community Prayers

04 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)



THE GIVING TREE

We have tags this year and we need your help! All you have to do is pick a tag, get a gift and return the gift with the tag attached! It can be wrapped or bagged! All gifts must be brought back to the church by Sunday, December 11th. Let's spread some Holiday Cheer this year!!



SHARE THE WARMTH

The snowman is waiting for your gifts of warmth, which include warm clothing items, such as pajamas, mittens, caps, underwear, scarves, and boots to keep others warm. In all sizes. Please have all your gifts of warmth at the church no later than Sunday, December 11th.

2022 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

November 27th thru December 18th

THE PERFECT GIFT



The Christmas Joy Offering envelopes and children's coin boxes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary through the Christmas

season.

PLEASE mark your checks Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark Christmas Joy Offering. Please give generously. Mail your checks to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 69, Schaller, IA 51053, or you can drop the check off at the State Bank of Schaller anytime during December



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

NOVEMBER 30TH

Cathy McDonough

December 7th

Missy Kestel & Theresa Bailey

December 14th

Jackie Mentzer



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

November 27th

Adam & Melanie Pyle

December 4th

Richard & Florene Cork

December 11th

Bruce & Jackie Mentzer

December 18th

Mark & Sam McDonough

December 24th

John & Brenna Franken

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Scott Currie (Dec. 1st)

Ashley Kestel (Dec. 3rd)

John W. Franken (Dec. 3rd)

Missy Kestel (Dec. 6th)

Florene Cork (Dec. 9th)

Joann Reimers (Dec. 17th)

Jim McDonough (Dec. 20th)

David Siebrecht (Dec. 21st)

Bruce Mentzer (Dec. 26th)

Cookie Walk



December 10

9:00 am to 1:00 pm



St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1614 W 5th St. Storm Lake, IA



Selling Cookies, Candies, and
An Angel's Touch Coffee

Personal containers are encouraged

All proceeds will go to support *An Angel's Touch*, a nonprofit charitable organization. The mission statement of *An Angel's Touch* is to improve the lives of the elderly, children and those with special needs who are impoverished, distressed and underserved, or underprivileged by giving one small gift at a time with heartfelt love and caring. *An Angel's Touch* was created to continue carrying forward the love and kindness *Ronnie and Janette Willer* shared for others.



Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.



WORD BANK

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Census
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- Register
- Born
- Night

T	B	W	Y	A	Z	K	E	S	H	N	G	D	J	K
Q	O	Y	A	P	R	A	L	B	F	P	I	C	Q	L
N	R	W	X	B	E	Y	R	M	B	D	M	O	E	E
S	N	O	N	W	G	A	I	B	A	C	D	O	T	D
R	G	X	J	F	I	W	M	V	B	R	R	C	E	O
P	S	C	E	N	S	U	S	H	Y	U	Y	F	P	N
O	T	P	I	G	T	Q	C	N	T	G	M	U	S	T
O	A	N	D	B	E	C	H	I	L	D	N	Z	F	A
A	T	B	A	U	R	W	H	G	F	V	A	B	U	M
T	R	A	V	E	L	J	C	H	V	O	Z	G	N	H
F	B	Q	I	W	D	X	P	T	E	N	A	O	L	Q
Z	C	R	D	Q	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	V
R	U	V	Y	K	N	I	R	T	K	G	E	Y	I	R
K	V	A	Z	X	L	S	H	Y	T	P	T	J	S	K
L	L	E	S	M	J	Z	L	Q	R	U	H	V	W	X

"Today in the town of David a _____
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV

Answer: Savior

Puzzle!

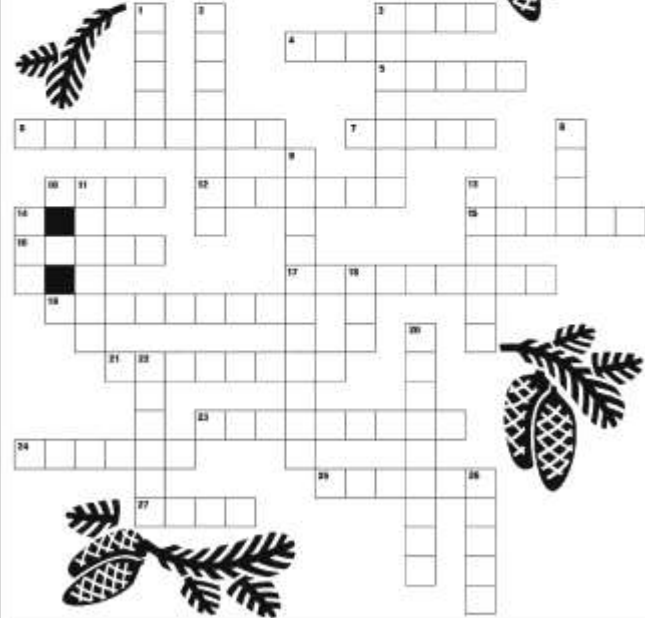
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus _____
14. 12th month (abbrev)
18. BSB
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod, ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star

