

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
March 30, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rev. Marshall Brown

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Elder: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

People: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #68

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We take your blessing for granted and squander our inheritance. We boast of our good works and resent your great mercy to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us no longer be lost in our sin. Help us to find our way home to you, where you welcome us with open arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

CHILDRENS TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12 (pages 337)

Elder

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p. 1799)

Elder

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" #285

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Pages 1623-1625)

Pastor

Leader : The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON "What About Me?"

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response #68 (Verse 2)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (VS 1-3) #92**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (V 4) #92

***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 APRIL-MAY

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
May 4	Norman Prather (Ida Grove)
May 11th	Cambria Kaltwasser (Orange City)
May 18th	Norman Prather
May 25th	Lue Baker (Manning)



NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Family of Stephen Saville
The Family of Steve Schaefer

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Rev. Michael
Our Church
Our Session
Bruce Mentzer (Radiation Treatments)
Judy Felten
Dave Dimmick (Cancer)
Karen Dimmick (Good News on her cancer surgery)
Doug O'Bannon
Randy Leask
Carol Wendel
Rich Jorgensen and Barb
Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger
Carolyn Stille
Florene Cork
Terri Rininger
Wanda Jeppeson
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

April 6th, 2025

Westminster, Ida Grove – CRE Shari O'Bannon

April 13th 2025

Wheatland, Breda



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2025

06 Sunday (Pulpit Supply Norman Prather)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
09 Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship
13 Sunday Palm Sunday (Pulpit Supply Duane Queen)
17 Thursday Maundy Thursday (Pulpit Supply Ken Fells)
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service
20 Sunday Easter Sunday (Pulpit Supply Ken Fells)
8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
21 Monday 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
23 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship
27 Sunday (Pulpit Supply Duane Queen)

Senior Recognition Sunday for our graduating senior, Clayton Jacobson. This will be a Potluck (no dessert) dinner after church. Cake will be provided by Christian Growth.

Elder for April: Florene Cork

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sharing Love Helps Repair the Breach

How do you show love?

Jesus calls us to love one another — with the kind of love that is shared freely with all people. This is our calling as Christ's Church: to love others as Jesus loved us. To love every person we encounter despite the many walls that separate us.

In Isaiah 58, the Scripture that best helps us to understand the ministries supported by One Great Hour of Sharing, we are called to be repairers of the breach. The prophet implores us to see those on the margins, the hungry and afflicted, as those for whom God holds great care. And so should we. Showing our love, sharing our love, is how we repair the breach in so many of our interactions in this world.

In this country and 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 — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love for over 75 years. Your gifts help those who are fighting for basic needs and seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. Your gifts bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most.

¹ This quote appears in King's book "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?"

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, "Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love."¹

As we prepare our hearts today to support One Great Hour of Sharing, we are making the choice to implement love and justice, for they are the only currencies in God's economy.

Always remember, we are called to repair the breach. We are the Church ... together, and when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray~

God of Love, help us show your love today and every day. As we prepare to give, may love bring forth your world where all people, known and loved by You, are loved by all people around the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Kirk Langner (March 31st)

Philip Diersen (April 6th)

Daniel Langner (April 20th)

Anna Jacobson (April 21st)

Susan Diersen (April 22nd)

Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27th)
