

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
January 21, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

People: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #1

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Pastor

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

Elder

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 220).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 214).
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CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #427

SERMON "Free: A New Life!"

***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** "O Jesus I Have Promised" #369

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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The Early Community Food Pantry is located at the south end of Sacred Heart Parish Center, double red doors. We are open Mondays 10:00 - 2:00 or by appointment by calling 712-661-9417.

Thank you in advance - Liz Davis, Terri Schmitt and Karen Pickhinke

2024 PER CAPITA

2024 Per Capita amount is \$53.95. 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".

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Jerry Gosch

(Back surgery in December)

The Don Peterson Family

Joel VanBuskirk

(He will be having surgery on January 25 for bone cancer in his jaw.)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor

Our Church

Our School

Purple Gang

Doug O'Bannon & Family

Shari O'Bannon

(Will be having hip replacement on Jan. 23rd)

Joyce Deloach

The Raven Dumones family

Betty & Harlan Roeder

Willie Lang

Randy Leask

Joan Martin

Shelly Fenner

Denny Miller

Steve Schaefer

Carol Swanson Poston

(long recovery and doing Physical Therapy)

Karla Hustedt and her family

Ken Fells Jr.

Dennis Pfrimmer & Family

George & Darlene Franzkowiak

Carol Wendel

Mark Diersen

Dexter Meseck

Malia Meyer

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The January 14th congregational meeting has been postponed until Sunday, January 21st, which is the snow date for that meeting. We will approve terms of call, elect officers, and discuss reports from last year. The budget will be discussed as an information item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2024

21 Sunday

9:00 am

Sunday School Classes

9:00 am

Confirmation Class

10:00 am

In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

11:00 am

Corporation/Congregational
Meeting following the Worship
Service

22 Monday

7:00 pm

Session Meeting

24 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm

Purple Gang Continues

28 Sunday

9:00 am

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Elder for January 21st: Jane Bisenius

Elder for January 28th: Janice Ploeger

PEOPLE WHO CARE

Who: 100 People Who Care Sac County

What: January Meeting

Where: Early United Methodist Church, 402 Hickory St

When: Sunday, January 21, 2023, at 4:00 pm

Please consider making a difference for charities and non-profits serving Sac County by becoming part of 100 People Who Care Sac County. Together our donations are awarded to the charity or non-profit selected by the members.



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

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.

The program includes a snack, Bible study, music and recreation. We hope that your children will join us in a fun experience where we learn more about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

SERVERS FOR JANUARY

24th Jill Hayden

31st Florene Cork

PURPLE GANG

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

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PORK CHOP DINNER

Schaller St. Paul Luther Church Pork Chop Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 11th from 11 am to 1 pm.

Boneless grilled pork chop; potato; vegetable; salads; and dessert. All Dine-In; Carry Out; & Drive-thru meals available at \$12.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Dan Bailey (Jan. 23rd)

Bonnie Currie (Jan. 27th)

Carolyn Young (Jan. 28th)

Denise King (Jan. 28th)

Shane Reimers (Jan. 30th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger (Jan. 26th)

MAILING ADDRESSES

Bonnie Currie (New Address)

(Wakefield Health Care Center, 306 Ash Street, Wakefield, NE 68784

Brett Currie

4327 Nakoma Rd, Apt 333 Madison, WI 53711

Shane Reimers

2015 Strawberry Lane, Sioux City, IA 51104

Wanda Jeppeson (Methodist Manor)

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

January 14, 2024 First, Schaller & Rev. Michael Sydnor

January 21, 2024 First, Manning & Rev. Anna Small

January 28, 2024 First, Spirit Lake and Rev. Clint Lovell & Rev. Michael Gewecke

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