

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
October 6, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE** Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: We proclaim your name to the whole human family.

Elder: We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

People: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Elder: Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator.<sup>1</sup>

**\*HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #1

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Elder

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> © Presbyterian Outlook, 2024 Liturgy written by Rev. Stephanie Sorge and provided for free distribution.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 59). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI #623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Old Testament: Genesis 2:18-24

Elder

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:2-16**

Pastor

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” “What did Moses command you?” he replied. They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.” “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a

man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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

**CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” #382

**SERMON** “No Separation!”

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of Intercession

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #625

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN** “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” #325

**THE LORD’S SUPPER (SEE INSERT)**

**\*HYMN** “Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #462

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

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**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”.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OCTOBER 2024**

06	Sunday	World Wide Communion Sunday
		9:00 am Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am In-Person Worship
09	Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship
21	Monday	7:00 pm Session Meeting
26	Saturday	9:00 am Presbytery at Lakeshore in Okoboji

## **OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

**Please remember Rev. Michael with a card, note or phone call during the month of October and thank him.**

**OCTOBER ELDER OF THE MONTH:**

**Florene Cork**

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

**Judy Fells (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>)**

**Kathy Siebrecht (Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**Jim Illum (Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Jackie Mentzer (Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>)**

**Terri Rininger (Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>)**

## **NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**The Family of Verdeen Luft**

**Kirk Langner (surgery on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**John King (stroke)**

**(Cousin from California who was here a couple of weeks ago)**

## **CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

**Our Pastor**

**Our Church**

**Our School**

**Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Hurricanes**

**Florene Cork**

**Drake Alesch**

**(He is doing well)**

**Lois Carlberg**

**Wanda Jeppeson**

**Dorothy Ploeger**

**Carol Wendel**

**George & Darlene Franzkowiak**

**Terri Rininger**

**Denise King (Procedure in Iowa City)**

**Veronica Moyle**

**Rod Plagman**

**Velma Woodke**

**Chanda Snow**

**Richard Morgan**

**Mark Diersen**

**Dexter Meseck**

**Steve Schaefer**

**Ken Fells Jr.**

## **PRAYER FOR CHURCHES**

**October 6, 2024**

**Pray for our Ecumenical Partners**

**October 13, 2024**

**Trinity, Wall Lake**

# *The Lord's Supper*

## **The Invitation**

**Minister:** Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People:** **People will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.**

## **The Thanksgiving**

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Minister:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **The Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Unison Prayer**

**O God, who called us from death to life; we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Thanksgiving after the supper**

**God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong. Who brings us life eternal. We thank you for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.**

Pastors appreciate your prayers

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so!

