

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
September 4, 2022 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP: Elder

Elder: Happy are those who delight in God’s word.

People: They are like trees planted by the water.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” #562

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

We believe that our relationships, our possessions, or our health will bring us joy. We resist the call of Jesus to hate our loved ones, our life, and renounce our possessions with every fiber of our being. Forgive us for failing to put Christ first. Help us to truly become disciples of Christ by seeing that we cannot hold on to our lives or anyone or anything. Help us proclaim that God has freed us from the fear of loss so that we can truly live as free people. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Elder

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. “Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’

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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. “Suppose one of you

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 374).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #371

SERMON "How to Lose Nothing and Gain Everything"

***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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #376**

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop (Sept. 5th)

Richard & Florene Cork (Sept. 5th)

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jerry Gosch (Sept. 6th)

Samantha McDonough (Sept. 8th)

Stephan Sydnor (Sept. 9th)

Betty Franken (Sept. 12th)

Sarah Jacobson (Sept. 13th)

Becca Kestel Pestano (Sept. 13th)

Janice Rydberg (Sept. 13th)

Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22nd)

Parker Currie (Sept. 23rd)

Jeff King (Sept. 24th)

Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Beth Bailey, daughter of Dan & Theresa, who recently passed her State of Iowa Licensed Practical Nurse Boards.

Beth is continuing Registered Nursing classes at Iowa Central Community College. She is employed as an LPN at Friendship Haven in Fort Dodge

*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".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 2022

04	Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
05	Monday		Labor Day
08	Thursday	7:00 pm	Online Bible Devotional & Community Prayers. All are welcome!
11	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday School classes will be starting back up on Sunday, September 11th at 9 a.m. Bring your friends.



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang will start on Wednesday, September 14th 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.

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.

You can get enrollment forms from Melanie Pyle (at the school) or the brown box outside the front door of the Presbyterian Church. You can return the filled out forms to Melanie or place them in the brown box. If you would like to find out more information, please contact Rev. Michael Sydnor at 712-275-4691.

PURPLE GANG LIST OF SERVERS

September 14th

Jackie Mentzer

September 21st

Tracey Jepsen

September 28th

Julie & Kirk Langner

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES:

Sunday, September 4th
First, Battle Creek

Sunday, September 11th
Lakeside, Storm Lake &
Rev. Jennifer Olson

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Laurie Huss (Health Issues)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Dennis Miller

The Terry Miller Family

Tom McDonough & Family

(Tom has cancer and is not doing well)

Wayne Werner & Family

(Wayne has cancer and not doing well)

Kenny Steen Family

Sue Diersen

Malia Meyer

Marilyn King

Doug O'Bannon (Liver)

Shari O'Bannon

Steven O'Bannon's fiancée

Don Thompson (Assisted Living in Holstein)

Dexter Meseck

Diane Overmohle

(One infusion left for her metastatic melanoma)

Beth Overmohle (health issues)

Andy Beckord

Tasha King (Safe Deployment)

Carissa King (Mission Work in Guatemala)

Dennis Pfrimmer

Hazel Snyder

Brenda Segebart

