

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
March 17, 2024

10:00 A. M.  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE** Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

People: We are God's people; the Lord is our God.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "Glorify Thy Name" #29

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Elder

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34** Pastor

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33** Elder

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then

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<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 262). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 61). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## CHILDRENS TIME

**HYMN** "Jesus Calls Us" #375

**SERMON** "Getting Rooted!"

## \*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 "Lead On, O King Eternal" #483

## \*BENEDICTION

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## MAILING ADDRESSES

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## Early Community Food Pantry

We welcome your needed food, toiletries, and cash donations throughout the entire year. Please check the expiration of food donations before bringing them in. Please, no glass containers.

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Richard Morgan  
Father of Cindy Myrice

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Our School  
Purple Gang  
Julie Langner  
Shari O'Bannon  
Doug O'Bannon & Family  
Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier  
Brett Currie  
Joel VanBuskirk  
(home waiting for treatments to start)  
Joyce Deloach  
Shelly Fenner  
Steve Schaefer  
Ken Fells Jr.  
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family  
George & Darlene Franzkowiak  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Malia Meyer

## PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
PUCC, LeMars and Rev. Janis Christensen

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
First, Odebolt

## \*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

## \*POSTLUDE

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

### 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

### March 2024

17 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes  
9:00 am Confirmation Class  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

20 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang

7:00 p.m. Session will be meeting with the Confirmation Class

24 Sunday (Palm Sunday)

9:00 am Sunday School Classes  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary and Confirmation Students will be Confirmed (Kallie Pyle & Anna Jacobson )

## EASTER BREAKFAST

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for anyone interested in bringing food donations for the Easter Breakfast.

## HOLY WEEK EVENTS:

### March 2024

28<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

29<sup>th</sup> Friday (Good Friday)  
Bring your Easter breakfast food donations to the church!

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday (Easter Sunday)  
(Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)  
7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service  
8:00 am Easter Breakfast  
(by the McDonough Family)

The free will offering goes to the Deacon fund to help with postage, and cards for special occasions.

**NO 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

## EASTER LILIES

Please help adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Morning by sharing real or artificial Easter Lilies with us. Thank You.

Please let Rev. Michael or Denise King know if you would like to share an Easter Lilly.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.



## PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesday's 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 MARCH & APRIL

20 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Marilyn Hantsbarger	27 <sup>th</sup>	NO PURPLE GANG
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dolores Tuel	10 <sup>th</sup>	Kelli Bendixen
17 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Blum	24 <sup>th</sup>	Purple Gang Party

75  
YEARS



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

OGHS will be received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31).

The One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes and fish coinboxes can be found at 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:

Courtney Pyle (March 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Libby McDonough (March 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Kirk Langner (March 31<sup>st</sup>)

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