

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
February 4, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Do all things for the sake of the gospel.

People: So may we share in the blessings of God.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "O for a Thousand Tongues" #76

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Pastor

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

Elder

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 222). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 21). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition

her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead" #423

SERMON "He Comes with Loud Quietness"

**A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
(SEE INSERT)**

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 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" #274

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier
(Dennis has Parkinsons & Sharmin has dementia)
Laura Turnquist
Brett Currie (Dementia)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang
Shari O'Bannon
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Jerry & Dee Gosch
Joel VanBuskirk
Joyce Deloach
The Raven Dumones family
Willie Lang
Randy Leask
Shelly Fenner
Denny Miller
Steve Schaefer (Methodist Manor)
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

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

February 4, 2024 First, Glidden and Rev. Anna Small

February 11, 2024 First, Estherville and Rev. Dr. David Ullom

THE LORD'S SUPPER (SEE INSERT)

*HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #463

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

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(*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".

FEBRUARY ELDER OF THE MONTH: Bruce Mentzer

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.

Michael will be on Vacation February 5th thru the 11th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2024

04 Sunday (Communion & Ordination & Installation of Elders)
9:00 am Sunday School Classes
9:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

07 Wednesday
3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

11 Sunday (Tom Daniels filling the Pulpit)
9:00 am Sunday School Classes
NO Confirmation Class
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

THERE WILL BE NO LIVE STREAMING SERVICE

Greetings from the local Early Community Food Pantry in Early. We were blessed with generous donations of food and dollars during the recent Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We give heart full "Thanks".

Assistance is needed to feed families/households in our communities of Early, Schaller and Nemaha. 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.

If you know of a family, in the three communities area in need of food assistance, please tell them of us. All we ask is name, address, phone, email, number in household, and ages.

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



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 FEBRUARY

7th Lorna Currie	14th Colleen Hansen
21st Florene Cork	28th Ashley Sackett

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Kaitlyn Currie (Feb. 5 th),	Haddie McDonough (Feb.11 th)
Janice Ploeger (Feb. 13 th)	Jaycee McDonough (Feb. 24 th)
Melanie Pyle (Feb. 24 th)	Joyce Currie (Feb. 26 th)

MAILING ADDRESSES

Margaret Crawford (Birthday Feb. 9th) 90th
216 N. Virginia Street, Prescott, AZ 86301
Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier
1500 Edgewater Drive #260, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327
Ruth Schmidt
Good Samaritan Nursing Home (Holstein)
505 W. Second St., Holstein, IA 51025
Betty Roeder
Park View Rehabilitation Center, 601 Park Ave, Sac City, IA 50583
Lynn Currie
C/O Brett Currie
606 Orchard Drive, Madison, WI 53711

A Service of Ordination and Installation

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

Though we have different gifts ... Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all.

Just as the son of man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life to set others free.

(After the questions to the candidates an elder will ask the questions of the congregation.)

Unison Prayer

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the lord of all. Amen.

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.

