

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
November 3, 2024

10:00 A. M.
All Saints Sunday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: let all the faithful praise the Lord.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

#562

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Ruth 1:1-18

Elder

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. 2 The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. 3 Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, 5 both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. 6 When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. 7 With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. 8 Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. 9 May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud 10 and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” 11 But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? 12 Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— 13 would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD’s hand has turned against me!” 14 At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 383).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

²Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 385-386).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

15“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” 16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” 18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

Pastor

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” 29 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” 32 “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Rise Up, O Church of God” #293

SERMON “Respectfully Yours”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Hurricanes
Florene Cork
Kirk Langner
Denise King
Terri Rininger
Duane Warriner
Wanda Jeppeson
Carol Wendel
Betty Bailey
Chad Hansen
Ruth Borcharding
Veronica Moyle
Rod Plagman
Velma Woodke
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

November 3, 2024 Pray for the honorably retired pastors in the Presbytery of Prospect Hill (not currently serving churches) – Rev. Peg Brinck, Rev. Marshall Brown, Rev. Bob Cook, Rev. Ken Fells, Rev. Richard Francis, Rev. Kevin Freese, Rev. Donald Johnson, Rev. Dale Lint, Rev. Marvin Miller, Rev. William Moore, Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray, Rev. Duane Queen, Rev. Stephen Saville, Rev. B. J. Ukena

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Pastors Who Serve as Members at Large - Rev. Donna Gray

MINUTES 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 "For All the Saints" #546

*BENEDICTION

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

*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".

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER:

Lorna Currie



REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



HEALTHY FEET CLINIC

Healthy Feet Clinic will be held at the Schaller Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 8th. See Insert for more info.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Clayton Jacobson (Nov. 5th)
 Jim Kestel (Nov. 6th)
 Steve Schaefer (Nov. 7th)
 Janet Illum (Nov. 9th)
 Michael Sydnor (Nov. 10th)
 Cari Pyle (Nov. 12th)
 Cody Pyle (Nov. 12th)
 Adam Pyle (Nov 16th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2024

03 Sunday (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

(See Insert for Schaller Shamrocks Omelet Breakfast)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship

05 Tuesday Election Day

08 Friday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Healthy Feet Clinic

10 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship

11 Monday Veterans Day

11-17 Monday thru Sunday (Rev. Michael on Vacation)

13 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship Lesson #10

17 Sunday (Rev. Fells will be filling the Pulpit)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship

18 Monday

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Ken & Judy Fells (Nov. 26th)

Lifelong saints

Rather than limit the celebration of saints to one Sunday, some churches now observe a Season of Saints from World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) to All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November).

Saints aren't merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they're simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ's own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an "anthem for a lifetime," not a once-yearly occasion.

Come, let us join our friends above
 who have obtained the prize,
 and on the eagle wings of love
 to joys celestial rise.

Let saints on earth unite to sing
 with those to glory gone,
 for all the servants of our King
 in earth and heaven are one

