

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
July 23, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Surely the Lord is in this place!

People: This is the house of God.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Immortal, Invisible”

#25

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

Pastor

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.” Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Elder

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 367). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 190). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ “ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ “ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ” Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN **“Higher Ground”** **#399**

SERMON **“The Promise Is Protected!”**

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Randy Leask
Ron McClintic (Health Issues)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Vacation Bible School
Doug O’Bannon & Family
Shari O’Bannon
Janice Rydberg
Grace Beckord
Joan Beebe
Danielle King (Heart Issues)
Kathleen Sydnor
Diane Overmohle
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Tom McDonough & Family
Mark Siebrecht & Family
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Jon Snyder
Malia Meyer
Brenda Segebart (Hospice)
Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)

Prayers for the Churches

July 23, 2023 Lakeshore Center at Okoboji – Rev. Sara Sutter,
Director Serena Lynch, Program Director Steve Sutter, Office
Manager Rev. John Hanna, Maintenance

July 30, 2023 Westlawn, Sioux City

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 “The Solid Rock” #404

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)
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2023 PER CAPITA
2023 Per Capita amount is \$48.35. 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

July 2023

23 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

11:00 am VBS Meeting to finalize plans.

23-28 Sunday thru Friday

Rev. Michael will be attending Synod School at BVU in Storm Lake

25 Tuesday

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
(We will be doing Chapters 2, 3,
and 4)

30 Sunday (Rev. Ken Fells will be filling the pulpit)

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
Janice Ploeger & Betty Franken)

Mailing Address for Doug O'Bannon:

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C/O Shari O'Bannon
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Lakeside
Storm Lake, IA 50588

PRESBYTERIAN ECUMENICAL BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School will be July 31st through August 4th from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. on July 31st for registration.) ANY students going into Kindergarten through students who have completed 5th Grade are WELCOME and ENCOURAGED to come!

This year's theme is: "Hero Hotline Called" Together to Serve God!

VBS Registration, Health, and Covenant forms can be found in the brown information box by the Presbyterian Church's Front Door.

Please fill out the forms and enclose them in the envelopes that are provided and put back in the information box. Take as many forms as you would like! The information box is checked daily.

JUICE DONATIONS FOR VBS

We are asking for donations of juice for VBS.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Dan & Theresa Bailey (July 28th)