

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
October 8, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: The Lord has delivered us from slavery;

People: there is no other god but the Lord.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #2

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (UNISON) Elder

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. <sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Pastor

And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

Elder

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. "The tenants

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 378). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 58). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: " 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN** "A Charge to Keep I Have" #448

**SERMON** "When You Care Enough ---"

**\*APOSTLE'S CREED**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Grady Heckt infant son of Tanner & Lesa Heckt  
(Grady had surgery on his intestine)  
(Laura Turnquist's grandson)

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Our School  
Purple Gang  
Doug O'Bannon & Family  
Shari O'Bannon  
Joyce Deloach  
Bethany & David Walker  
(Health Issues)  
Vanessa McGivern (Doing Rehab)  
Carol Schreier  
Laverne Evans  
Willie Lang (He has inoperable brain tumor did a biopsy this week)  
Jan Lang (has a mass on her brain sees a neurosurgeon next week. And  
other health issues)  
Colleen Woodke  
Karla Hustedt and her family  
Ken Fells Jr.  
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family  
George & Darlene Franzkowiak  
Carol Wendel  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Malia Meyer  
Alice Spooner

## FOOD PANTRY:

REMINDER: WHEN BRINGING FOOD ITEMS FOR THE  
FOOD PANTRY, PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES.

## 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 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #276

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### \*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

### \*POSTLUDE

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

## 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".

*OCTOBER IS*

*PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH*

Please remember Rev. Michael with a card, note or phone call during the month of October and thank him.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2023

08	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Mask are optional) & Communion
11	Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Purple Gang
15	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Mask are optional)
16	Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

## PEOPLE WHO CARE

Who: 100 People Who Care Sac County

What: October Meeting

Where: Early United Methodist Church, 402 Hickory St

When: Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 4:00 pm



## 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.

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.

## OCTOBER SERVERS:

Cindy Segebart  
11<sup>th</sup>

Judy Fells  
25<sup>th</sup>

Megan Hansen  
18<sup>th</sup>

Cathy McDonough  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Mark McDonough (Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Judy Fells (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>)

Kathy Siebrecht (Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>)

Jim Illum (Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>)

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Jackie Mentzer (Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>)

