

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
September 24, 2023 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.

People: Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8

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.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 Pastor

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord." Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'" While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'" That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

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

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 376). Presbyterian Publishing.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 61). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

Elder

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ “ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” #427
SERMON “God Hears Our Grumbling”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our ladies' Bible study has ended and was a great success! Fun and learning was had by all. We will be starting another study in the near future. Stay tuned!!

SESSION NEWS

We are in need of some volunteers to help paint the trim on the manse. Contact Bruce Mentzer (712-660-9721).

We need people to prepare communion on October 1st as Julie Langner will be out of town.

OCTOBER ELDERS OF THE MONTH:

Bruce Mentzer

Mark McDonough

TREASURER’S REPORT

Income:	\$4,461.00
Expenses:	<u>\$7,268.01</u>
Net Income:	(2,807.01)

YEAR TO DATE

Income	\$55,348.51
Expenses:	<u>\$59,916.12</u>
Net Income:	(4,567.61)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Mark Gividen Family
The Mark Siebrecht Family
The Connie Sipple Family
Laverne Evans (Lorna Currie's Mom)
(Double Pneumonia)
Betty Franken
Denise King
(Answers to Health Issues and safe travels)
Willie Lang (Jan Wright Lang's husband)
(inoperable brain tumor)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon
Joyce Deloach (Friend of the Sydnors)
(Kidney Issues)
Vanessa McGivern (Megan Hansen's Mother)
(had bypass surgery and valve replacements)
Carol Schreier (Health Issues)
Janice Rydberg
Colleen Woodke
Karla Hustedt and her family
(Stage 4 Cancer)
Julie McClintic and her Family
Ken Fells Jr.
Diane Overmohle
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer
Brenda Segebart (Hospice)
Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)

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 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" #601

*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".

FOOD PANTRY:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 2023

24 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes
9:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Mask are optional)
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
(Adam & Melanie Pyle)

27 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang

OCTOBER 2023

01 Sunday

(World Wide Communion Sunday)
9:00 am Sunday School Classes
9:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Mask are optional)
& Communion

Prayers for the Churches

September 24, 2023 Community, Lawton – Rev. Ken Meissner

October 1, 2023 Pray for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Staff –
RE Elona Street-Stewart, Synod Executive Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester,
Leadership Development RE Jim Koon, Financial Services and
Treasurer Rev. Pam Prouty, Stated Clerk Amy Hartman, Financial
Services Associate Gretchen Milloy, Office Coordinator



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.

SEPTEMBER SERVERS:

Amanda Leshar
27th

OCTOBER SERVERS:

Jane Bisenius
4th

Cindy Segebart
11th

Megan Hansen
18th

Judy Fells
25th

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jeff King (Sept. 24th)
Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

