

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
June 9, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Third Sunday in Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: People of God, hope in the Lord,

People: for with the Lord there is steadfast love.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#26

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated)

**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.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

First Reading: I Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

Elder

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.” But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.” Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.” Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the LORD. There they sacrificed fellowship

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<sup>1</sup>Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 361). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 190). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

offerings before the LORD, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

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

### Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:20-35

Pastor

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin." He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit." Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

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

### CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #292

SERMON "The Divine Burglar"

\*APOSTLE'S CREED

### Tornado Prayers & Recovery

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## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

### CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Our School  
Betty Roeder  
Rod Plagman (cancer)  
Carol Wendel  
Chanda Snow  
Carol Grundmeier  
Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier  
Rich & Barb Jorgensen  
Richard Morgan  
Father of Cindy Myrice  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Steve Schaefer  
Velma Woodke  
Joe Van Buskirk  
Joyce Deloach  
Shelly Fenner  
Ken Fells Jr.  
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family  
George & Darlene Franzkowiak  
Malia Meyer

### PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

**June 9, 2024**

United, Vail and CRE Rebecca Brown

**June 16, 2024**

Pray for the PC (USA) Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness, Christmas Joy

## 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 "The Solid Rock" #404

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

\*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".



### CHURCH FLOAT

The theme for this year's Schaller Popcorn Days: Popcorn Days "A BIG SCORE" in 2024.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### June 2024

09 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

16 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary



Session Meeting

The next Session meeting will be Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



## COMING SOON

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vacation Bible School will be July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 – 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. July 29<sup>th</sup> for registration.)

ANY students going into Kindergarten through students who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are WELCOME and Encouraged to come!

This year's title is: Camp Firelight!

### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Glenda Turnquist (June 22<sup>nd</sup>)

## Early Community Food Pantry

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.



July 21-26, 2024

Buena Vista University  
Storm Lake, Iowa

## SYNOD SCHOOL 2024

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. 2024 is the 70th year of Synod School in Iowa. It is an opportunity to learn something new, to continue conversations begun by keynote speakers with others over meals or a board game, to share talents of creativity and music, to worship without being in charge, to be energized for service, and to enjoy not having to cook for a week.

Registration has begun! We hope you can join us! There are Synod School books on the table in the entryway.

Need fast relief? Slow down!

Actor Lily Tomlin reportedly said, “For fast-acting relief, try slowing down.” Summer doesn’t seem to be the “slow season” it once was — if indeed it ever truly was. But perhaps we can use it as incentive to take some “downtime” around the plethora of activities, travel and always-busy work schedules. Pause and accept Jesus’ invitation: “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (Mark 6:31, NIV).

It may be a refreshing spot at a lake, a hike in the woods, an early-morning fishing trip. Maybe, around your work schedule, you can reserve time for a few days of church camp, a picnic at the city park, a nap on a blanket in the backyard sun. Help the kids in your life discover what it’s like to *not* be on the go and to take a screen-time sabbath — even to experience boredom and see what creativity blossoms. Do art projects together, ride bikes, paint with water or chalk on the sidewalk, pick berries, bake cookies, solve puzzles, sing songs!

Try slowing down, as Lily Tomlin — and even Jesus — advised. In summer, and any time, it’s good for the soul!

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