

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
November 19, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Christ the King Sunday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: The Lord is God; we are God's people.

People: We are the sheep of God's pasture.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

"O Worship the King"

#10

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.²
(Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Pastor

"For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 394).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 396).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Barb Broders Family
(Meg Broders McGowan Mother)
Randy Leask
(Accura Healthcare of Aurelia)
Carol Swanson Poston
(bed rest for 6 weeks from foot surgery)
Kirk Langner
The Devin Landgraf Family

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon
Joyce Deloach
Judy Wall
Willie Lang
Karla Hustedt and her family
Ken Fells Jr.
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

Sunday, November 19

Pray for the Presbytery Staff: Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope,
Administrative Executive & Stated Clerk; RE Amgad Beblawi,
Mission Executive; Rev. Ian McMullen, Pastor to the Presbyteries;
Jeannie Stolee, Office Manager

November 26, 2023 First, Sioux City – Rev. Mark Bedford

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #296

SERMON “The Lowly King”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

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** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #234

***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”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2023

19 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes
9:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

20 Monday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

22 Wednesday

NO PURPLE GANG

26 Sunday (First Sunday of Advent)

9:00 am Sunday School Classes
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

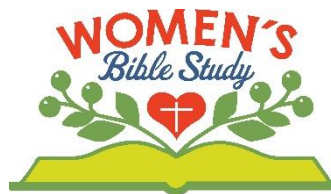
Lighting of the Advent Candle:
Mark & Samantha McDonough & Family

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Adam Pyle (Nov. 16th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Ken & Judy Fells (Nov. 26th)



Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study. "Developing Inner Strength". We will meet together Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m.

We will pass out books, have a time of devotion and prayer, and will also discuss when we want to meet in the future. All are invited!

FOOD PANTRY:

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



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang will not meet on November 22 but will resume on November 29th.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SERVERS:

Marilyn King
Nov. 29th

Phil & Susan Diersen
Dec. 6th

Kirk & Julie Langner
Dec. 13th

NO PURPLE GANG
Dec. 20th & Dec. 27th

Ascending thanks

Thy mighty hand o'er all the land
hath still been open to bestow
those blessings which our wants demand
from heaven, whence all blessings flow.

Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,
looked down on us with holy care,
and from thy storehouse in the sky
hast scattered plenty everywhere.

Then lift we up our songs of praise
to thee, O Father, good and kind;
to thee we consecrate our days;
be thine the temple of each mind.

With incense sweet our thanks ascend;
before thy works our powers pall;
though we should strive years without end,
we could not thank thee for them all.

—Excerpts from "A Thanksgiving Poem," Paul Laurence Dunbar

Why did the turkey decline dessert?

Because it was stuffed.

Bounty of thanks



We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Why didn't the chef season the turkey?

There wasn't enough thyme.

