

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
March 12, 2023

10:00 A. M.  
Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Let all who thirst come to the waters;

People: let all who are hungry come and eat.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "Children of the Heavenly Father" #44

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Elder

Merciful God, we thank you for your presence among us even as we complain that we do not have what we need. We want more time, money, or ability and wonder why you don't answer our prayers for healing, peace, and serenity. We don't recognize your presence and ask if you are here. Forgive us for our doubts and help us remember everything that you have done for us so that we can tell everyone about your wonderful love. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

Pastor

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-26**

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 260).

12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." 16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." 17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." 19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." 25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

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

## CHILDRENS TIME

**HYMN** "God Will Take Care of You" #47

**SERMON** "Water, Water!"

**\*APOSTLE'S CREED**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Donnie Skou (Cancer)

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)

Randy Leask

Carol Wendel

Joan Beebe's Father

Alice Spooner (Breast Cancer)

Jon Snyder

Ron McClintic

Denise King (Answers)

Kirk Langner (Answers)

Aubree Galvin

Florene & Richard Cork

Jim Robinson

Mark Diersen

Malia Meyer

Doug O'Bannon

Shari O'Bannon

Dexter Meseck

Hazel Snyder

Brenda Segebart

School

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

### March 12

Other Christian Churches in Your Community

### March 19

PUCC, LeMars – Rev. Janis Christensen

## 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 "Rock of Ages" #204

\*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".

## EASTER LILIES:

Please help adorn our Sanctuary on Easter morning by sharing real or artificial Easter Lilies with us. Thank you.

Please let Rev. Michael or Denise King know if you would like to share an Easter Lilly.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March 2023

- 12 Sunday (Daylight Savings Time: Turn Clocks ahead 1 hour)
- 9:00 am Confirmation Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary  
(Masks are optional)
- 15 Wednesday
- 3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang
- 16 Thursday
- 7:00 pm Online Bible Devotional
- 19 Sunday
- 9:00 am Confirmation Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary  
(Masks are optional)
- 20 Monday
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting

### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Courtney Pyle (March 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Libby McDonough (March 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Beth Bailey (March 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Kirk Langner (March 31<sup>st</sup>)



## PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesdays 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.

## SERVERS FOR PURPLE GANG

March 15th

Janice Ploeger

March 22nd

Kellie Bendixen

March 29th

April 5th



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Received during the season of Lent (February 22 – April 9), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary through the season of Lent.

PLEASE mark your checks Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark OGHS. PLEASE give generously.



Parents please encourage your children to fill up their One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks.

