

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
May 7, 2023

10:00 A. M.
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Duane Queen

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

People: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in You I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Elder: Come, let us humble ourselves before the Creator and Preserver of all flesh.

People: We will bow down in worship and the Lord will lift our spirits.

*HYMN "Come, Christians Join to Sing" #108

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Lord God, we know that the truth shall set us free, yet we speak falsehoods about our neighbors which brings pain to the body of Christ. We brood over our anger and plan our revenge, failing to trust in You. Our actions grieve Your Holy Spirit. We ask Your forgiveness, Lord, that our darkness would turn to light through the brightness of Jesus Christ. (Time of silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Psalm 119:9-32

Pastor

⁹How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. ¹⁰I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. ¹²Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees. ¹³With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. ¹⁴I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. ¹⁵I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ¹⁶I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word. ¹⁷Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word. ¹⁸Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. ¹⁹I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. ²⁰My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times. ²¹You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed, those who stray from your commands. ²²Remove from me their scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes. ²³Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees. ²⁴Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors. ²⁵I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word. ²⁶I gave an account of my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees. ²⁷Cause me to understand the way of your precepts, that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds. ²⁸My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. ²⁹Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law. ³⁰I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. ³¹I hold fast to your statutes, LORD; do not let me be put to shame. ³²I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Where He Leads Me” #373

SERMON “The Way, the Truth, the Life”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Joyce Anderson Family
(Janice Rydberg’s Friend)
Gene Huelman

(In Holstein Good Samaritan having therapy)

Dennis Pfrimmer & Family

(He has Liver Cancer and has started chemo. He also has a broken pelvis and hip from a fall playing pickleball)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)

Florene Cork & Families

George Franzkowiak

(prostrate Cancer and other health issues)

Darlene Franzkowiak (health issues)

Carol Wendel

(Waiting to see if the steroid injection done on her fractured vertebrae last week works and having a scan test done on her liver in May to see if just scar tissue or something else)

Randy Leask

Tom McDonough & Family (Cancer)

Ryan McDonough & Family (Cancer)

Mark Siebrecht & Family (Cancer)

Craig Pyle (health issues)

Bruce Mentzer

Jon Snyder

Hazel Snyder

Doug O’Bannon

Shari O’Bannon

Dexter Meseck

Brenda Segebart

School

Mark Diersen

Malia Meyer

Alice Spooner (Breast Cancer)

Donnie Skou (Cancer)

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 “He Leadeth Me” #461

*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”.

ELDER FOR MAY:

Jane Bisenius

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION

Rev. Michael Sydnor will be on vacation May 1st thru May 7th.

May 2023

07	Sunday	(Rev. Duane Queen will be filling the pulpit.)
	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
	8 am – 12 pm	Schaller Fire & Rescue Biscuits and Gravy at the firehouse. (Free Will Donation)
11	Thursday	
	7:00 pm	Online Bible Devotional
14	Sunday (Mother's Day)	
	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mark your calendar and help Jim & Cathy McDonough celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 30th at their home. They request no gifts your presence is the gift.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

May 7, 2023

First, Ringsted – Rev. Suzanne Wobig

May 14, 2023

Elliott Creek, Bronson – Rev. Ken Meissner


BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Marilyn King (May 12th)
Dorothy Ploeger (May 15th)
Dee Gosch (May 17th)
Theresa Bailey (May 22nd)
Lauren Franken (May 29th)

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books *doesn't* mention autumn?

A. Matthew
B. Jeremiah
C. Proverbs
D. Jude



Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)

