

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
October 29, 2023

10:00 A.M.
Reformation Sunday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: The Lord is our eternal dwelling place;

People: from age to age, the Lord is our God.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #26

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Pastor

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

Elder

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher,

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 381). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 59). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, " 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." ' If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #92

SERMON "What is Your Measuring Stick?"

*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



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.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SERVERS:

Cathy McDonough

Nov. 1st

Jackie Mentzer

Nov. 8th

Florene Cork

Nov. 15th

NO PURPLE GANG

Nov. 22ND

Marilyn King

Nov. 29th

Phil & Susan Diersen

Dec. 6th

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Judy Wall
The Jan Lang Family
Jan & Willie Lang
The Donna Ayers Family
(Doug Ayers Wife)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon
Joyce Deloach
Grady Heckt infant son of Tanner & Lesa Heckt
(He is home)
Bethany & David Walker
(Health Issues)
Vanessa McGivern
Colleen Woodke
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

October 29, 2023 United, Westside – CRE Rebecca Brown
November 5, 2023 Pray for the honorably retired pastors in the Presbytery of Prospect Hill (not currently serving churches) – Rev. Peg Brinck, Rev. Marshall Brown, Rev. Bob Cook, Rev. Ken Fells, Rev. Richard Francis, Rev. Kevin Freese, Rev. Donald Gibson, Rev. Donald Johnson, Rev. Dale Lint, Rev. Marvin Miller, Rev. William Moore, Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray, Rev. Duane Queen, Rev. Stephen Saville, Rev. B. J. Ukena

- *HYMN "I Surrender All" #366
- *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.

*OCTOBER IS
PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH*

Please remember Rev. Michael with a card, note or phone call during the month of October and thank him.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

—Julie Lee

Income: \$5,483.00

Expense: \$6,895.56

Net Income (1,412.56)

YEAR TO DATE

Income: \$60,831.51

Expense: \$66,811.68

Net Income: (5,980.17)

Cents-ible stewardship

During a children's sermon, the pastor gave each child two pennies and told them to put one in each hand. "With full hands," he asked, "how would you do other things, like drink a glass of juice?" They'd have to let go of one penny. (Likewise, adults must be willing to "let go" of material goods and desires to worship God alone.)

The pastor let the children keep the coins. When my 5-year-old returned to her seat, I suggested she could put them in the offering. Her quite loud response was, "NO! I need more money!" (Maybe my at-home talks about generosity — not to mention the kids message — hadn't sunk in?) Granted, giving is a tough concept, even for grown-ups. But adults would gladly give away "worthless" pennies.

When the offering plate came by, my daughter put in her pennies all by herself. "Now maybe some little girl can eat tonight," she said. God's prompting may take some time to change our hearts. But may we all give so freely and give up what seems important at the time.

Be-attitudes

Be understanding of your enemies.

Be loyal to your friends.

Be strong enough to face the world each day.

Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.

Be generous to those who need your help.

Be frugal with what you need for yourself.

Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.

Be open enough to believe in miracles.

Be willing to share your joys.

Be eager to share the sorrows of others.

Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.

Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.

Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.

Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.

Be loving to those who love you.

Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.

Be yourself, above all.

—Author unknown