

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

10:00 A. M.

July 28, 2024

Rev. Ken Fells

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder

Elder: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from faraway.

Elder: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Elder: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night", even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

People: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Elder: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

People: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139, selected verses)

***HYMN "We Have Come into His House" #588**

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

We confess our desire to run our own lives and to resist your will. You want to protect us while we endanger ourselves and hurt others. We listen to people who promise peace, security, or happiness; but do not hear your voice calling us to your true peace and joy. Forgive us for our self-destructive and violent ways and enable us to know the things that make for peace. Then fold us under your wings so that we may truly understand the security that you alone provide. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Elder

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 14

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the LORD. But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Fill My Cup, Lord" #398

SERMON "Why Do We Need the Church?"

***APOSTLES' CREED**

MINUTES 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** "Take My Life and Let It Be" #379

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Stuart Claussen (Aug. 9th)

Rev. Ken Fells (Aug. 11th)

Shirley Claussen (Aug. 20th)

Kallie Pyle (Aug. 27th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Dan & Theresa Bailey (July 28th)

Bruce & Jackie Mentzer (Aug. 3rd) 50th

John & Brenna Franken (Aug. 13th)

Jim & Missy Kestel (Aug. 29th)

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it, and he did it left-handed."

Confused, his mother asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Bill Gass Family
(Marianne Helming Gass)
The LuVern Snyder Family
The Glenn Mesenbrink Family

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
VBS
Iowa Flooding and Tornadoes
Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop
Terri Rininger
Barb Pfrimmer
Betty Franken
Larry Werkmeister
Rick & Candy Bisenius
Veronica Moyle
Betty Roeder
Rod Plagman
Carol Wendel
Chanda Snow
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Velma Woodke
Joel Van Buskirk
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

July 28, 2024

Westlawn, Sioux City

August 4, 2024

First, Cleghorn

***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".

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 ELDER: Bruce Mentzer

AUGUST ELDER: Phil Diersen

COMMUNION AUGUST 4TH: Phil Diersen

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 2024

28 Sunday (Rev. Fells will be filling the Pulpit)
10:00 am In Person Worship in Sanctuary
NO LIVE STREAMING SERVICE

29 Monday

8:30 am VBS Registration
9:00 – 11:30 am Vacation Bible School

30 Tuesday

9:00-11:30 am Vacation Bible School

31 Wednesday

9:00-11:30 am Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 2024

01 Thursday

9:00-11:30 am Vacation Bible School

02 Friday

9:00-11:30 am Vacation Bible School
5:30 pm VBS Children's Program and
light meal following the
program

04 Sunday (Communion)

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary



Vacation Bible School will be July 29th through August 2nd from 9 – 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. July 29th for registration.) ANY students going into Kindergarten through students who have completed 4th Grade are WELCOME and Encouraged to come!

This year's title is: Camp Firelight!

VBS Registration, Health, and Covenant forms can be found in the brown information box by the Presbyterian Church's Front Door.

Please fill out the forms and enclose them in the envelopes that are provided and put back in the information box. Take as many forms as you would like! The information box is checked daily.

A free will offering will be taken.

How can the Congregation help?

1. Pray for the children and helpers.
2. Donate money to help with expenses.
3. Spread the word to families with children

There will be a VBS Children's Program on Friday, August 2nd at 5:30 p.m. We hope that all parents and children will join us after the celebration for a light meal.



WANTED:

In need of 2-3 Ladder Ball games for VBS.

We need old colored t-shirts to cut two 12" x 12" square pieces to make Jacob's

Dream Pillow for our craft on our first day of VBS. (You will not be getting the t-shirts back.)

SYMPATHY

May the love of the Lord flow gently and freely into our hearts, giving peace and strength.

With Sympathy to the Glenn Mesenbrink Family.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4.

