

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
April 2, 2023

10:00 A. M.  
Palm Sunday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN            “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”            #173

INVOCATION    (Please be seated)            Pastor

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**FIRST READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.” Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made

his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Leader:            The Word of the Lord:

People:            Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?

Leader:            The Word of the Lord.

People:            Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11**

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your

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<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 264). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ” 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #174

**SERMON** “Sustaining the Weary”

## **\*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**

**NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)

Richard & Florene Cork

Randy Leask

Hazel Snyder

Doug O'Bannon

Shari O'Bannon

Dexter Meseck

Brenda Segebart

School

Jim Robinson

Mark Diersen

Malia Meyer

Lois Kestel

Jon Snyder

Alice Spooner (Breast Cancer)

Donnie Skou (Cancer)

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES**

**April 2**

Associated Church of Hawarden, Hawarden – Rev. Judith Wascher

**April 9**

Westminster, Ida Grove – CRE Shari O'Bannon

**ADDRESS:** Randy Leask

Mercy One Siouxland Medical Center

Room #8216

801 5<sup>th</sup> St

Sioux City, IA 51101

\*HYMN “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” #562

\*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.

Who: 100 People Who Care Sac County

What: April Meeting

Where: Early United Methodist Church, 402 Hickory St

When: Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 4:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April 2023

- 02 Sunday (Palm Sunday)  
9:00 am Confirmation Class  
9:00 am Sunday School Classes  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary  
(Masks are optional)
- 05 Wednesday  
3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang
- 06 Thursday  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service  
NO ONLINE BIBLE DEVOTIONAL
- 09 Sunday (Easter)  
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be dedicated.  
7:00 am Easter "Sunrise" Service  
8:00 am Easter Breakfast at our Church.  
Breakfast prepared by the McDonough Family.

The free will offering goes to the Deacon fund to help with postage.

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
NO 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



## 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

April 5th  
Dolores Tuel

April 12th  
Bob & Marilyn Hantsbarger

April 19th  
Tracey Jepsen & Rosemary Blum

April 26<sup>th</sup>  
End of Year Purple Gang Program & Meal

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Philip Diersen (April 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Daniel Langner (April 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Anna Jacobson (April 21<sup>st</sup>)  
Susan Diersen (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27<sup>th</sup>)

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Aaron & Sarah Jacobson (April 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Phil & Sue Diersen (April 18<sup>th</sup>)