

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
September 22, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: The last are first in the realm of God;

People: the least are welcomed in Jesus' name.¹

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 confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Elder

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:30-37 Pastor

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said,

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 376).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² © Presbyterian Outlook, 2024. Liturgy written by Bobby Hulme-Lippert and provided for free distribution.

“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” **#451**

SERMON “The Greatness of Service”

***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**

***HYMN** “Jesus Loves Me” **#579**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG** “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) **#447**

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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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”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2024

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| 22 | Sunday | 10:00 am | In-Person Worship in Sanctuary |
| 25 | Wednesday | 6:00 pm | Ladies Fellowship (Lesson #7) |
| 29 | Sunday | 10:00 am | In-Person Worship in Sanctuary |

OCTOBER 2024

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| 06 | Sunday | World Wide Communion Sunday - Melanie | |
| 21 | Monday | 7:00 pm | Session Meeting |
| 26 | Saturday | 9:00 am | Presbytery at Lakeshore in Okoboji |

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

OCTOBER ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Florene Cork



Ladies' Fellowship will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church. Our next gathering will be September 25th and we will do lesson 7 in our book. All our welcome. You don't need a book to participate.

JOYS!

It was a joy seeing Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop on Sunday, September 15th.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22nd)

Parker Currie (Sept. 23rd)

Jeff King (Sept. 24th)

Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Hurricanes
Drake Alesch
(Stuart & Angie Claussen grandson)
Lois Carlberg
Wanda Jeppeson
Dorothy Ploeger
Carol Wendel
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Terri Rininger
Denise King (health issues)
Veronica Moyle
Rod Plagman
Velma Woodke
Joel Van Buskirk
Chanda Snow
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

September 22, 2024

Community, Lawton & Rev. Brian Maag

September 29, 2024

Pray for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Staff
RE Elona Street-Stewart, Synod Executive
Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester, Leadership Development
RE Jim Koon, Financial Services and Treasurer
Rev. Pam Prouty, Stated Clerk
Amy Hartman, Financial Service Associate
Gretchen Milloy, Office Coordinator

