

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

10:00 A.M.

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Ken Fells

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: As our Creator spoke to the Hebrews saying, "I am the Lord your God", so he lays claims to us in a bond of love.

People: As God summoned the people to the holy mountain, so does he still summon us to gather to worship, to listen to his voice.

Elder: Let each of us here affirm God's love, declaring in our heart, "Speak, Lord, for your servant hears."

All: Let us joyfully worship God!

***HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" #12**

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Holy Lord, you have loved us unconditionally, and have commanded us to love one another just as you love us. But we confess that our love for one another has faltered. Often it has failed altogether. We turn away from our sisters and brothers who think, speak and act in ways that are different from our own; we recoil from those who have offended us, rather than seeking reconciliation. Forgive our smallness of heart that causes us to love only when it serves our own interest; pour out your spirit of love into our hearts, that we may indeed love one another as freely as you love us. We pray in Jesus' name. (Time of silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: I Samuel 1:4-20

Elder

⁴Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" ⁹Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. ¹⁰In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. ¹¹And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." ¹²As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine." ¹⁵"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. ¹⁶Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." ¹⁷Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." ¹⁸She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. ¹⁹Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰So in the course of time

Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

Leader: The Word of the Lord:
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-8

Pastor

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"² "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,⁴ "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"⁵ Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" #528

*APOSTLE'S CREED

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Congratulations to Florene Cork on the birth of her third Great Grandchild! Sutton Alexander was born on Friday, November 9th. She weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. and 21 inches long. The proud parents are her Granddaughter and her husband: Taylor and Alec Potts.

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Hurricanes
Florene Cork
Kirk Langner
Denise King
Terri Rininger
Wanda Jeppeson
Carol Wendel
Ruth Borcharding
Veronica Moyle
Rod Plagman
Velma Woodke
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

November 17, 2024

Pray for the Presbytery Staff - Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope,
Administrative Executive & Stated Clerk
RE Amgad Beblawl, Ministry & Mission Executive
Rev. Ian McMullen, Pastor to the Presbyteries,
Jeannie Stolee, Office Manager

November 24, 2024

First, Sioux City Rev. Mark Bedford

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "Jesus Calls Us" #375

*BENEDICTION

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

*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".

Family of Christ, welcome to worship! May you sense Jesus' presence and be strengthened in his love.

"Let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving, and for every breath a song."

—Konrad von Gesner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2024

17 Sunday (Rev. Fells will be filling the Pulpit)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship

18 Monday

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

20 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

24 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship

28 Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Adam Pyle (Nov 16th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Ken & Judy Fells (Nov. 26th)

Simple but lifesaving

In early 2024, Beatrice Johnson became deathly ill in hours. An upset stomach became dangerously low blood pressure; it turned out flesh-eating bacteria had attacked her entire body. When Johnson's kidneys started failing, she was put on life support. In a last-ditch effort, doctors added sodium bicarbonate — baking soda — to her IV.

Within hours Johnson was noticeably improved, and she left the hospital a month later. "I never thought something so simple would save my life," she said.

Another lifesaver many people find too simple is God's grace. We quip, "If something seems too good to be true, it probably is," and "Nothing in life is free." We're used to payments or paybacks. We balk if a friend offers to buy our lunch. When a neighbor brings us homemade cookies, we don't dare return the plate empty.

So how can something as huge and *holy* as salvation be a free gift from God? Don't we need to *do* something to earn it: follow the 10 Commandments? go to church? live a "godly" life?

All those things are good to do, but the key is to do them *as thanks* for God's gift of salvation, not to earn it. Jesus loves you and assures you of eternal life. Just accept the gift! If that seems simple, it's because it is — but it will also save your life.

"Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

—Teresa of Avila

—Heidi Hyland Mann

MISSION STATEMENT OF ANGEL TOUCH

An Angel's Touch is a nonprofit Charitable 501 (3) organization set up to honor Ron and Janette Willer by their loving family to improve the lives of the elderly, children and those with special needs who are impoverished, distressed, underprivileged or low income by giving one small gift at a time with heartfelt love.

We are asking church families if anyone would be willing to make a batch of cookies or candies to An Angel's Touch Cookie Sale on December 14th, contact Denise King (712-749-9408) or Shari Willer O'Bannon (712-299-0397). We will also be glad to pick them up.