

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa  
January 5, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Second Sunday of Christmas

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: In the beginning was the Word of God;

People: and the Word became flesh to live among us.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

#66

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(UNISON)

Elder

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

\*GLORIA PATRI

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Elder

<sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD says: “Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, ‘LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’ <sup>8</sup>See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. <sup>9</sup>They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son. <sup>10</sup>“Hear the word of the LORD, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’ <sup>11</sup>For the LORD will deliver Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. <sup>12</sup>They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD— the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. <sup>13</sup>Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. <sup>14</sup>I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty,” declares the LORD.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 202). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 205). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

## Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18

Pastor

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

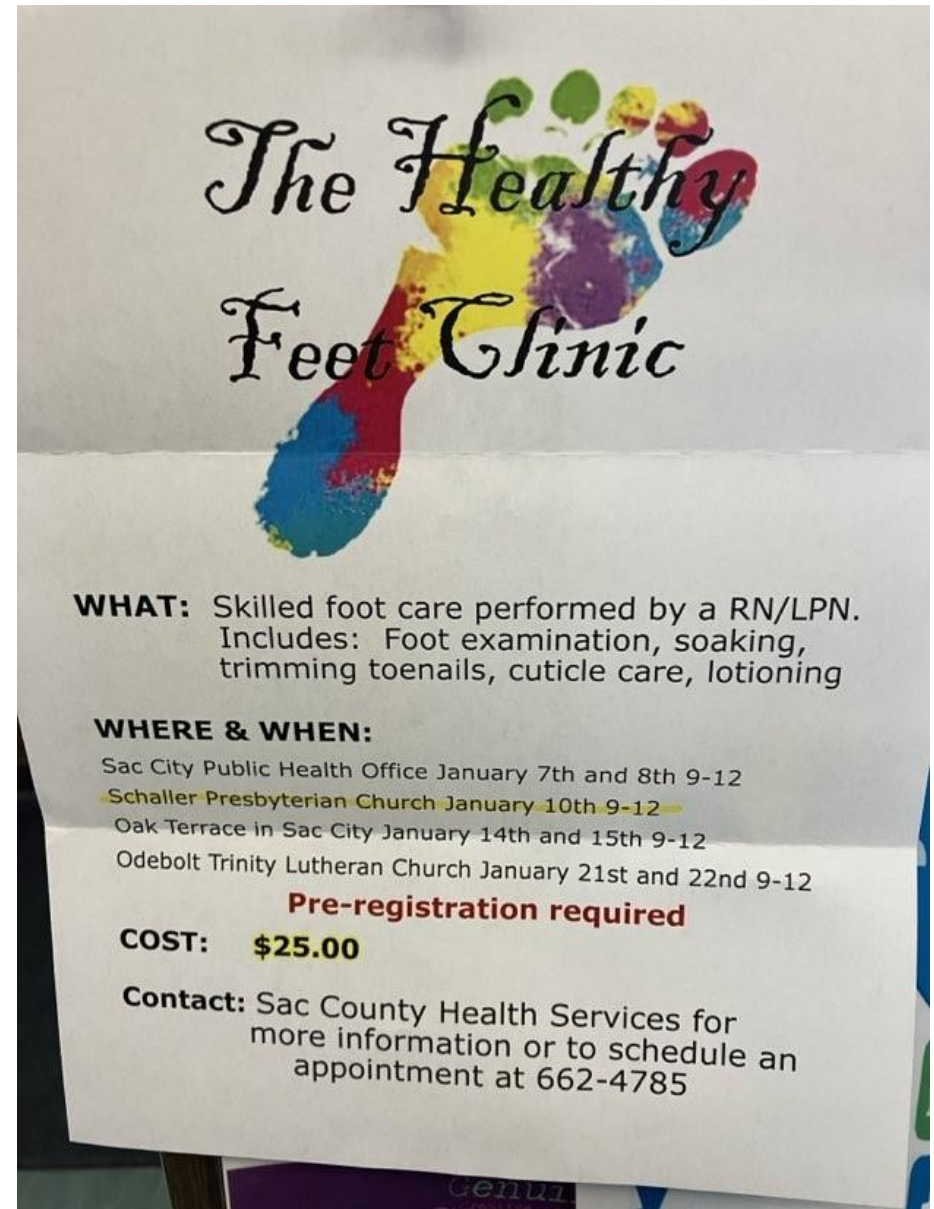
## CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "What Child Is This" #137

SERMON "Undefeated!"

\*APOSTLE'S CREED

MINUTE FOR MISSION



**The Healthy Feet Clinic**

**WHAT:** Skilled foot care performed by a RN/LPN. Includes: Foot examination, soaking, trimming toenails, cuticle care, lotioning

**WHERE & WHEN:**

- Sac City Public Health Office January 7th and 8th 9-12
- Schaller Presbyterian Church January 10th 9-12
- Oak Terrace in Sac City January 14th and 15th 9-12
- Odebolt Trinity Lutheran Church January 21st and 22nd 9-12

**Pre-registration required**

**COST: \$25.00**

**Contact:** Sac County Health Services for more information or to schedule an appointment at 662-4785

**NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

Reid & Christine Schaefer  
The Jack McDermott Family

**CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Randy Leask  
Carol Wendel  
(Loring Hospital in Ida Grove)  
Florene Cork  
Terri Rininger  
Scott & Velma Woodke  
Wanda Jeppeson  
Veronica Moyle  
Rod Plagman  
Richard Morgan  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Steve Schaefer  
Ken Fells Jr.

**PRAYER FOR CHURCHES**

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Memorial, Cherokee

Rev. Philip Beisswenger

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2025  
First Presbyterian, Schaller

Rev. Michael Sydnor

Dear God, at the start of this new year, and the Epiphany season, shine your light on my path. Amen.

**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 “Joy to the World ” #125  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447  
\*POSTLUDE

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

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**2025 PER CAPITA**  
  
2025 Per Capita amount is \$55.70. 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”.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a Corporation/Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> which will serve as the annual meeting. There is a snow date of January 19<sup>th</sup>. We will approve Pastor’s terms of call, elect officers, and discuss reports from last year. The budget will be discussed as an information item.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports and Nominating Committee Report are due to Denise by Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, so she can have them ready. (Christian Growth, Purple Gang, Popcorn Days Stand, Sunday School, and Treasurer's Reports).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### January 2025

05 Sunday

#### ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TO DENISE

10:00 a.m. Worship

10 Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Healthy Feet Clinic at  
the Presbyterian Church

12 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

### 11 a.m. CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Who:** 100 People Who Care Sac County

**What:** January Meeting

**Where:** Early United Methodist Church, 402 Hickory St

**When:** January 12, 2025, at 4 pm

All are invited to 100 People Who Care Sac County - an organization making a difference through donations to charities/non-profits serving Sac County residents. So far, 31 organizations have each received thousands of dollars for their projects.

The Magi followed a star to worship Jesus and present him gifts. We too have been guided here by God's light, to worship Jesus and offer him our gifts of love. Welcome.



#### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

David Sydnor (Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>)

Dylan Johannsen (Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>)

Dan Bailey (Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Carolyn Young (Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>)

Denise King (Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>)

Shane Reimers (Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>)

#### ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger (Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>)

### Giving your best

Like the Magi, we can respond with our best gifts — our industry, our devotion, our very lives. We disciples are Christ's tangible presence in the world. That same Child whose light brought such joy to the Magi now, through us, offers his mercy to every person.

Through us, every day, Christ feeds multitudes; he heals, teaches and guides countless people. Through individual volunteers and major institutions, through simple acts of kindness or worldwide coordinated efforts, the world can encounter, through the Christian community, the enduring, tangible presence of Christ. —Michael Simone