

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
July 14, 2024

10:00 A. M.

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

People: righteousness and peace will kiss.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "Faith of Our Fathers" #279

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Elder

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.<sup>2</sup> (

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

First Reading: II Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

Elder

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals. Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets. As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart. They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

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

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 366). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 60-61). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

## Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:14-29

Pastor

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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People: Thanks be to God.

## CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN

"Be Still My Soul"

#347

SERMON

"You Cannot Defeat" God"

## 100 PEOPLE WHO CARE

Who: 100 People Who Care Sac County

What: July Meeting

Where: Early United Methodist Church, 402 Hickory St

When: July 14, 2024 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, 29 organizations have each received thousands of dollars for their projects.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Henry Jacobson (July 13<sup>th</sup>)

Jane Bisenus (July 16<sup>th</sup>)

Eli Franken (July 19<sup>th</sup>)

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Jerry & Dee Gosch (July 17<sup>th</sup>)

CA & Terri Rininger (July 18<sup>th</sup>)

Dan & Theresa Bailey (July 28<sup>th</sup>)

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Willie Lang Family  
The Brett Currie Family  
Jason Schreier  
(had nose surgery)  
Barb Pfrimmer

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Our School  
VBS  
Iowa Flooding  
Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop  
Betty Franken  
Larry Werkmeister  
Rick & Candy Bisenius  
Veronica Moyle  
(surgery on leg)  
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 14, 2024  
United, Denison

July 21, 2024 Lakeshore Center at Okoboji  
Rev. Sara Sutter, Executive Director; Steve Sutter, Office  
Manager; Rev. John Hanna, Maintenance

## \*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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #410

## \*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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JULY 2024

- 12 Friday (Popcorn Days)  
4:30-8:30 pm (Church Food Stand)  
6:30 pm Kiddie Parade
- 13 Saturday (Popcorn Days)  
11 am – 8:30 pm (Church Food Stand)  
10:00 am Big Float Parade
- 14 Sunday  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
- 15 Monday  
7:00 pm Session Meeting
- 21 Sunday  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

### UP COMING EVENTS

- 21-26 Sunday thru Friday  
Synod School in Storm Lake at BVU  
(Rev. Michael will be attending)
- 28 Sunday (Rev. Fells will be filling the Pulpit)  
10:00 am In Person Worship in Sanctuary
- July 29<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday-Friday)  
VBS Registration is at 8:30 am on July 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 – 11:30 am Vacation Bible School

**JULY ELDER: Bruce Mentzer**



## COMING SOON

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vacation Bible School will be July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 – 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. July 29<sup>th</sup> for registration.)

ANY students going into Kindergarten through students who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.