

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
January 12, 2025

10:00 A.M.
Baptism of Our Lord

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Elder

Elder: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

People: I have called you by name; you are mine.¹

Elder: Let us worship God.

*HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #262

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. ² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 212). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7 Elder

43 But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Pastor

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 214). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition

heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #277

SERMON "In You, I Am Well-Pleased"

***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** "Come, Thou Almighty King" #267

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Randy Leask
Reid & Christine Schaefer
Carol Wendel
Florene Cork
Denise King

(Procedure done on February 18th) in Iowa City)

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 12th 2025

First Presbyterian, Schaller

Rev. Michael Sydnor

January 19th 2025

First, Manning

Rev. Anna Small

A prayer for spiritual growth

When my spiritual vision is foggy, help me to find my way.
When my understanding is incomplete, open my mind and increase
my patience.

When my indifference blocks my senses, touch my heart.
When worry or fear raise their voices, speak to my faith.
Let your Spirit permeate my longings as well as my living and my
loving. Amen. —Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*

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 12th which will serve as the annual meeting. There is a snow date of January 19th. 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.



BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Dylan Johannsen (Jan. 15th)

Dan Bailey (Jan. 23rd)

Carolyn Young (Jan. 28th)

Denise King (Jan. 28th)

Shane Reimers (Jan. 30th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger (Jan. 26th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2025

12 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

19 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

20 Monday

7:00 p.m. Session 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.

In baptism you called Jesus — and you call us — “beloved.” May we grow in your love, God, and share it with others.

God in church or nature? Yes.

Church isn't designed to be an alternative to the real world. Worship is a time and space apart from the world in order for us to find our way out into the world. Worship isn't a man-made place distinct from the beauty of the natural world; at its best, church is a place where we realize God's glory in the world we find ourselves in. ... Do I find God in a church? or out in nature? Yes. ... In church I hope to sharpen my senses so I can discover the house of God everywhere.

—James C. Howell, *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*