

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
August 4, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

People: Give us this bread always.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #51

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Elder

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might become the people you would have us be.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI #623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

First Reading: II Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Elder

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD. The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 369). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> © Presbyterian Outlook, 2024 Liturgy written by John Wurster and provided for free distribution.

close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.' ”  
Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

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

### **Gospel Lesson: John 6:24-35**

### **Pastor**

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

### **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN           “The Church’s One Foundation”           #277**

**SERMON           “Believing is Seeing!”**

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

**NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

Dennis Pfrimmer  
The Bill Gass Family  
(Marianne Helming Gass)  
The Glenn Mesenbrink Family

**CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Our School  
VBS  
Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Wild Fires  
Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop  
Barb Pfrimmer  
Betty Franken  
Larry Werkmeister  
Veronica Moyle  
Rod Plagman  
Carol Wendel  
Velma Woodke  
Joel Van Buskirk  
Chanda Snow  
Richard Morgan  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Steve Schaefer  
Ken Fells Jr.

**PRAYER FOR CHURCHES**

**August 4, 2024**

First, Cleghorn

**August 11, 2024**

Unity, Sac City & Rev. Missy Erikson

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of Intercession  
Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY  
\*DOXOLOGY #625  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN "In Remembrance" #322**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER (SEE INSERT)**

**\*HYMN "God Be with You" #602**

**\*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".

**AUGUST ELDER: Phil Diersen**

**COMMUNION AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>: Phil Diersen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AUGUST 2024

04 Sunday (Communion)  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

11 Sunday  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary



Session  
Meeting

The Session will be meeting on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00 pm.

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

Stuart Claussen (Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>)

Rev. Ken Fells (Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>)

Shirley Claussen (Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>)

Kallie Pyle (Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>)

### **ANNIVERSARY WISHES:**

Bruce & Jackie Mentzer (Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>) 50<sup>th</sup>

John & Brenna Franken (Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>)

Jim & Missy Kestel (Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>)

## *The Lord's Supper*

### The Invitation

**Minister:** Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People:** People will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.

### The Thanksgiving

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Minister:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### Unison Prayer

O God, who called us from death to life; we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

### Thanksgiving after the supper

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong. Who brings us life eternal. We thank you for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

