

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

10:00 A. M.

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Let our words and thoughts be acceptable to God;

People: the Lord is our rock and our redeemer.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#8

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 5:13-20

Elder

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 9:38-50

Pastor

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.” “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 377). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 21). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition

into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.” Everyone will be salted with fire. “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory” #292

SERMON “A Safe Place”

***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** “Rescue the Perishing” #299

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

Learn from leaves



As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone

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".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2024

29 Sunday

10:00 am

In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

OCTOBER 2024

06 Sunday

World Wide Communion Sunday - Melanie

10:00 am

In-Person Worship

21 Monday

7:00 pm

Session Meeting

26 Saturday

9:00 am

Presbytery at Lakeshore in Okoboji

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please remember Rev. Michael with a card, note or phone call during the month of October and thank him.

OCTOBER ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Florene Cork



Ladies' Fellowship will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church. All are welcome. You don't need a book to participate.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

Judy Fells (Oct. 7th)

Kathy Siebrecht (Oct. 10th)

Jim Illum (Oct. 13th)

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 22nd)

Jackie Mentzer (Oct. 24th)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Verdeen Luft

Florene Cork

Kirk Langner (surgery on Oct. 8th)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor

Our Church

Our School

Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Hurricanes

Drake Alesch

(Stuart & Angie Claussen grandson)

Lois Carlberg

Wanda Jeppeson

Dorothy Ploeger

Carol Wendel

George & Darlene Franzkowiak

Terri Rininger

Denise King (Procedure in Iowa City)

Veronica Moyle

Rod Plagman

Velma Woodke

Chanda Snow

Richard Morgan

Mark Diersen

Dexter Meseck

Steve Schaefer

Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

September 29, 2024

Pray for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Staff

RE Elona Street-Stewart, Synod Executive

Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester, Leadership Development

RE Jim Koon, Financial Services and Treasurer

Rev. Pam Prouty, Stated Clerk

Amy Hartman, Financial Service Associate

Gretchen Milloy, Office Coordinator

October 6, 2024

Pray for our Ecumenical Partners

