

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
December 29, 2024

10:00 A.M.

First Sunday of Christmas

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

People: let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.¹

Elder: Let us worship God.

***HYMN**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#145

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Holy and merciful God, we confess we neglect to seek your wisdom for our lives. Instead, we think more highly of ourselves and our own knowledge, choosing to go our own way in this world. Lord, have mercy. We let the cares and concerns of this world crowd out the promise of your Word, that you are with us always. Christ, have mercy. We confess we face the future with uncertainty and misgivings. Help us put our trust in you so we may live faithful and obedient lives, as we depend on the wisdom of your Holy Spirit and the love of Christ to shape our lives and actions. Lord, have mercy.²
(Time of silent prayer) Amen.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 201). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² © Presbyterian Outlook, 2024 Liturgy written by Philip K. Gladden

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Elder

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD.” Then they would go home. And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41-52

Pastor

⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

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48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." 49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them. 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" #152

SERMON "Looking for Jesus"

***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 "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" #138**

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Randy Leask
Carol Wendel
(Care Center in Ida Grove)
Florene Cork
Denise King
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

December 29, 2024

Pray for those Elders and Pastors who have gone before us in 2024

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports and Nominating Committee Report are due to Denise by Sunday, January 5th, so she can have them ready. (Session, Christian Growth, VBS, Church Float, Purple Gang and Bibles, Popcorn Days Stand, Sunday School & Confirmation, and Treasurer's Reports).

On this Sunday after Christmas, it's with continuing joy that we gather to praise Almighty God. With warmth and happiness, we welcome all to the house of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2024

29 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

January 2025

05 Sunday

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TO DENISE

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

10 Friday

Healthy Feet Clinic (Watch for more info)

12 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jordan Grothe (Jan. 2nd)

David Sydnor (Jan. 5th)

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)

A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to those who helped with the tags for the Giving Tree, and Share The Warmth Snowman this year. This helped many local children.

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettia plants to decorated the church for Advent and Christmas. What a beautiful way to honor the memory of loved ones.

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas, the bulletin board in the entryway, and the families who did the readings and lighting of the advent candles, all the people who helped put the Chrismon Tree Program together and all the youth who participated.

