

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
April 11, 2021

10:00 A. M.

Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: How very good and pleasant it is

People: when the people of God live in unity.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#1

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Loving God, you call us to share a common identity as the body of Christ, but we remain devoted to pursuits of money, status, and influence. We do not share the common purpose of witnessing to your love through our love for others.

Forgive us for preferring our own way and our own identity to your way and church. Remind us of our new life so that we start truly living as your disciples. Then people will want to experience the love that we demonstrate to each other. (Time of silent prayer)
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament: Acts 4:32-35

Elder

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 332).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #286

SERMON

***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 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

#601

***BENEDICTION**

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

#447

***POSTLUDE**

2021 PER CAPITA

2021 Per Capita amount is \$42.48. 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”.

**If you wish to mail a check, you can use the following address:
First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 69, Schaller, Iowa 51053, or
you can drop the check off at the State Bank of Schaller.**

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS

Carol Wendel

(biopsy on liver was not cancer)

Scott Naberhaus

(Recovering from Covid)

Rose Sackett

(Having major surgery coming up sometime soon)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Cathy & Michael Sydnor

Beth Langner (Hospice)

Jackie Mentzer

Pam Sackett

Tom Watson

Gloria Woodke

(elbow replacement surgery)

Linda Johnson

Doug O'Bannon

Laura Turnquist

Thris Niemeier (Cancer no cure)

Kristal Kast

Our Church Members

Military Personnel

Brenda Segebart

Danielle Fells

Rick Schill

Andy Beckord

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Rhett McDonough (April 18th)

Daniel Langner (April 20th)

Anna Jacobson (April 21st)

Susan Diersen (April 22nd)

Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Philip & Susan Diersen (April 18th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2021

11 Sunday

10:00 am

In-Person & Live Streaming Worship in
Sanctuary (Masks)

13-18 Tuesday-Sunday

Michael & Cathy out of town

14 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm

Purple Gang

18 Sunday


10:00 am

In-Person & Live Streaming Worship in
Sanctuary (Masks)
(Rev. Fells filling the pulpit)

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C



Answer: E (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV)

