

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
April 25, 2021

10:00 A. M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE** Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Elder

Elder: The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;

People: he will guide us to the water of life.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "May Jesus Christ Be Praised!" #87

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Elder

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 334).  
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI #623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

New Testament: Acts 4:5-12

Elder

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18

Elder

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 61).  
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Leader:                   The Word of the Lord.

People:                   Thanks be to God.

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN                    “The Solid Rock”                    #404**

## **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**

## REMEMBER THE DUCK

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with, out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back to dinner.

As he was walking back, he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch that day grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes."

But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today, didn't you Johnny?" And then she whispered to him, "Remember, the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing, and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper."

But Sally smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." And she whispered again, "Remember, the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he killed the duck. She knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. But I was just wondering how long would you let Sally make a slave of you."

I don't know what's in your past. I don't know what one sin the enemy keeps throwing up in your face. But whatever it is, I want you to know something. Jesus Christ was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. But because He loves you, He is ready to forgive you. Perhaps He's wondering how long you'll let the enemy make a slave out of you. The great thing about God is that He not only forgives, but He forgets.

— Author Unknown

**\*HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" #292

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April 2021

**25 Sunday**

**9:00 am**

**Sunday School**

**10:00 am**

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

**28 Wednesday**

**6:30-7:15 pm**

**Confirmation Class**

**29 Thursday**

**7:00 pm**

**Online Bible Devotional and Prayers**

### May 2021

**02 Sunday**

**9:00 am**

**Sunday School**

**10:00 am**

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

## MAY/JUNE UPPER ROOMS

**The new Upper Room Devotionals are out in the rack at the back of the sanctuary.**

## JOYS:

Congratulations to Beth Bailey who was accepted into the Nursing Program.

## Military Personnel

Brenda Segebart

Danielle Fells

*Rick Schill*

*Andy Beckord*

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS

Tom Daniels (Prostrate Cancer)

Bruce Mentzer

Adam Dieken is seeing an oncologist for possible cancer treatment  
(Adam is the husband of Ken & Judy Fells' granddaughter Andrea.)

Daniel Langner

(Thankful that he was not seriously injured in accident)

Bonnie & Ronnie Miller

(Marilyn Kings Sister-in-law and Nephew)

Diane King (Health)

(Kevin King's Wife)

Jeff King

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Cathy & Michael Sydnor

Kirk Langner (had knee surgery)

*Carol Wendel*

Rose Sackett (Surgery Coming Up)

Beth Langner

Pam Sackett

Gloria Woodke

Laura Turnquist

This Niemeier (Cancer no cure)

Kristal Kast

Our Church Members

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27<sup>th</sup>)

## 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.

## CHUCKLES

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found!" the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

