

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Schaller, Iowa      10:00 A. M.      September 12, 2021**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Tom Daniels**

**PRELUDE** **Janice Ploeger, Organist**

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Elder**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Elder**

**Elder:** Come away from dullness and complacency. Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

**People:** The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Elder:** How long will we refuse the wisdom God offers? How long will we ignore God's counsel and reproof?

**People:** The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple.

**Elder:** Our waywardness separates us from God. Then, when we call on God, we hear no answer.

**People:** We gather to renew our relationship with God. We seek enlightenment and the revival of our souls.

**\*HYMN**      **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** **#92**

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) **Pastor**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (UNISON) **Elder**

God of all worlds, we confess our arrogance in turning away from the knowledge you offer and the relationship with us that you desire. We make light of your commandments and boundaries as if they did not apply to us. Our tongues reveal our ignorance before

the vastness of your truth. The words we speak in error spread poison that cannot be contained. Our waywardness is destroying us. Our complacency before evil, within us and around us, threatens life itself. O God, we cry out for forgiveness. (Time of silent prayer)  
Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** **Pastor**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** **#623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** **Elder**

**Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. <sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. <sup>4</sup> Yet their voice<sup>[b]</sup> goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. <sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. <sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. <sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> May these words of

**my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Lesson: James 3:1-12**

#### **Taming the Tongue**

**3** Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. <sup>3</sup> When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup> Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup> Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **NEW JOYS & CONCERNS**

**The Richard Langner Family**

### **CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

**Michael Sydnor, David and Stephen**

**Shari O'Bannon (health issues)**

**Janice Rydberg**

**Nick Langner (Home & therapy)**

**Diane King (health issues)**

**Brenda Segebart (Still in Nursing Home)**

**Pat Barlow**

**Bruce Voogd (health & in Nursing Home)**

**Jeff Jacobson (Therapy & Nursing Home)**

**Anna Hereen**

**Kristal Kast**

**Rick Schill**

**Andy Beckord**

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

**Betty Franken (Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Sarah Jacobson (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Janice Rydberg (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Reece McDonough (Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>)**

**Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Parker Currie (Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Jeff King (Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>)**

**Brenna Franken (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)**

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN**

**"I Love To Tell The Story"**

**#297**

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 8: 27-38**

### **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

<sup>28</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

### **Jesus Predicts His Death**

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

### **The Way of the Cross**

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life<sup>[a]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

**You are welcome to take any of the Vacation Bible School pictures that are on the board and table in the Narthex.**



