

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Schaller, Iowa      10:00 A. M.      September 5, 2021  
Rev. Ken Fells

**PRELUDE**      Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Elder

Leader: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praises his holy name.

People: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**\*HYMN**      “Come, We That Love the Lord”      #18

**INVOCATION**      (Please be seated)      Pastor

God of wonder, we gather together to praise you. We are humbled by your care for us. We are drawn to the warmth of your love and acceptance just as people coming in from the cold are drawn to a fire. Fill us with the holy fire of your spirit so we may take warmth and light of your presence to all around us. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**      Elder

God our help, you have promised to be with us always, guiding our steps through even the darkest of valleys. Too often we’re so busy quarreling and demanding our own way that we forget to look for you. Or we forget ourselves and put you to the test. In our sin we think we run the show and that you should do what we say. The truth is that we thirst for your goodness. In your mercy, satisfy us with the living water of your grace, emptied out for us in Christ Jesus our Lord      (Time of silent prayer)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**      Pastor

The Lord God said: “I will give you a new heart and a new mind. I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart.” We are forgiven of our sins according to God’s promise.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**      Elder

**Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 125:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. <sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore. <sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil. <sup>4</sup> LORD, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. <sup>5</sup> But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers. Peace be on Israel.

**New Testament Lesson: Mark 7:24-37**

**Jesus Honors a Syrophenician Woman’s Faith**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre.<sup>[a]</sup> He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. <sup>25</sup> In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> “First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup> “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup> Then he told her, “For such a reply, you

may go; the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup> She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

#### **Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. <sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”). <sup>35</sup> At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

#### **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN**                      “Now I Belong to Jesus”                      **#511**

**SERMON**                      “Not for Myself”

#### **\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

#### **MINUTES FOR MISSION**

#### **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response      **#421**      (Verse 1)

## JOYS:

Congratulations to Tasha Ronfeldt & Austin Schreiber who were married on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Tasha is the grand-daughter of Jim & Cathy McDonough.

Nash Jameson Maday was born on July 31, 2001 to Sean & Peyton Maday. Grandparents are Jodi Maday and Jason Currie. Great Grandmother, Joyce Currie.

Reagan Leigh Mitchell was born on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to Nicole Cork & Zach Mitchell. Grandparents are Shelby Cork & Gabe Cork. Great Grandparents are Richard & Florene Cork.

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Richard & Florene Cork (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>)

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jerry Gosch (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Samantha McDonough (Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Stephen Sydnor (Sept. 9<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>)

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #625

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN "Faith Is the Victory" #486

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### \*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

### \*POSTLUDE

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

## 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **September 2021**

**05 Sunday (Ken Fells will be filling the pulpit)**

**10:00 am In-Person & Live Streaming Worship in  
Sanctuary (No Masks if fully vaccinated)**

**08 Wednesday**

**3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang Begins**

**12 Sunday (Tom Daniels will be filling the pulpit)**

**10:00 am In-Person & Live Streaming Worship in  
Sanctuary (No Masks if fully vaccinated)**

## **FLOWERS**

**Thank you to the Cathy Sydnor Family for sharing the beautiful  
floral arrangements with us.**

## **VBS PICTURES**

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

## **NEW JOYS & CONCERNS**

**The Hank Myrice Family  
(Cindy is still recovering from covid)**

**Carol Wendel  
(Got a good report from Mayo)**

## **CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

**Michael Sydnor, David and Stephen**

**Shari O'Bannon**

**The Steve Volkert Family  
(Mary Volkert still recovering from her stroke & therapy)**

**Kirk Langner  
Rich Langner  
(Transferred to Sioux Falls for his therapy)  
Nick Langner  
(Transferred to Mercy for therapy)  
Diane King**

**Pat Barlow**

**Bruce Voogd (health) and his wife Eryn**

**Jeff Jacobson**

**Anna Hereen**

**Thris Niemeier (Cancer no cure)**

**Kristal Kast**

**Rick Schill  
Andy Beckord**

