

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Schaller, Iowa      10:00 A. M.      August 8, 2021**  
**Rev. Ken Fells**

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

**CANDLELIGHTING**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      **Elder**

Leader: God has called us like Moses in the wilderness, the prophets  
in the hills and the disciples in the cities.

People: They shared their blessings so that we may know God's  
presence here.

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let  
us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so  
closely.

People: Let us run with perseverance that race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**\*HYMN**      **"All Hail the Power"**      **#97**

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

How majestic is your name, O Lord. We thank and praise you for  
your good gifts to us your people in all creation. We stand in awe of  
your ever-present love for us. Blessing and honor and glory are due  
to you. May your perfect love flow through us as we answer your  
call to be your faithful people.

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

God of the future: you are coming in power to bring nations under  
your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We  
have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgment. Judge

us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the  
sake of your faithful servant Jesus, whose triumph we want and  
eagerly wait for. Amen (Time of silent prayer)

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

Children of God, it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners. He  
is our Savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us.  
Declare with me the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are  
forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      **#623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**      **Elder**

**Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; <sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice. Let  
your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. <sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a  
record of sins, Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is  
forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. <sup>5</sup> I wait for  
the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.  
<sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning. <sup>7</sup> Israel, put your  
hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is  
full redemption. <sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

**New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak  
truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one  
body. <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin"<sup>[a]</sup>: Do not let the sun go down  
while you are still angry,<sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a  
foothold. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but  
must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they  
may have something to share with those in need. <sup>29</sup> Do not let any

unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 5 <sup>1</sup>Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup>and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN**                      "There Is a Redeemer"                      **#206**

**SERMON**              "Speaking Growth in the Church"

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

## **MINUTES 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**                      "O for a Heart"                      **#440**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **Parable of the Pencil**

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. There are 5 things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.

Three: You will be able to correct mistakes you will make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with you; always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three: You will be able to correct mistakes you might make or grow through them.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

And Five: On every surface you walk, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to serve God in everything.

By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart and a relationship with God daily.

-- Author Unknown

**\*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**

**August 2021**

**08 Sunday (Rev. Fells filling the Pulpit)**

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

**12 Thursday**

**7:00 pm Online Weekly Bible Devotional and  
Prayers**

**15 Sunday (Rev. Randle Lewis filling the Pulpit)**

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

A teenager was sitting in church, and when the collection plate was passed around, he quickly pulled a dollar bill from his pocket and dropped it in.

Just then, the person behind him tapped him on his shoulder and handed him a \$20 bill. The boy smiled, placed the \$20 in the plate, and passed it on, admiring the man's generosity. Then the boy felt another tap from behind and heard a whisper:

"Son," the man said, "that was your \$20 bill that had fallen out of your pocket."

## **NEW JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

**Cathy & Michael Sydnor**

**Kirk Langner**

**(knee surgery on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Daniel Langner**

**Laura Turnquist**

**(Good Check Up said she was a Poster Child)**

**Shari O'Bannon**

**Pat Barlow**

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

**Jeff Jacobson**

**Mary Haselhoff Volkert**

**Anna Hereen**

**Ron Cork**

**Thris Niemeier (Cancer no cure)**

**Kristal Kast**

**Brenda Segebart**

**Rick Schill**

**Andy Beckord**

### **ANNIVERSARY WISHES:**

**John & Brenna Franken (Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Jim & Missy Kestel (Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>)**

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

**Stuart Claussen (Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>)**

**Rev. Ken Fells (Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**Shirley Claussen (Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>)**

**Kallie Pyle (Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>)**

