

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

10:00 A.M.

September 20, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Norman Prather

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)

Elder

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

C: God's greatness is unsearchable.

L: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

C: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

*HYMN

"Be Still and Know"

#343

CALL TO CONFESSION

Norman

God loves us and calls us by name. Too frequently, we stake our claim on that tenderness and use it as a weapon against others, forgetting that God's love does not build walls but knocks them down. Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sins in front of God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder

Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a

new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (2 Corinthians 5:17) Norman

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Elder

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

Norman

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#380

SERMON

Focusing on the legit issues.

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

"Majesty"

#74

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG** “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) **#447**

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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ATTENTION! PLEASE NOTE!

When mailing your church check donations or any other mail, **PLEASE** use the following address:

First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 156, Schaller, IA
51053.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP



Ladies' Fellowship will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church. Our next gathering will be September 23rd. All are welcome. You don't need a book to participate.

OCTOBER ELDER: Florene Cork

2026 PER CAPITA

2026 Per Capita amount is \$55.70. 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”.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR OCTOBER

October 4	Rev. Norman Prather - Communion
October 11	Rev. Norman Prather
October 18	Deb Loger
October 25	Deb Loger

God's Left Hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."

With eagerness we approach you, O God. We join with all who love and serve you. We offer ourselves to be your people, ready to let your light shine upon us and through us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

20 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)

10:00 a.m. Worship

8 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Schaller Fire Department Pancake Breakfast at the Fire House (Free Will Donation)

21 Monday

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

23 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

27 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Debbie Loger)

October Newsletter Deadline

10:00 a.m. Worship

HANOVER GERMAN FEAST

You are invited to enjoy the Hanover German Feast meal on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at the Aurelia Community Center from 6:00-6:30 PM. The traditional German Feast meal includes Beef Sauerbraten, Brats with Bavarian Sauerkraut, hot German Potato Salad, Apple Cake, and more. Served as DRIVE-THRU CARRY-OUT ONLY. Meals are \$25.00 per person. Call [712-434-5888](tel:712-434-5888) to reserve your tickets before Sept. 23. The number of tickets available are limited. Get your tickets today! (See Fliers on Church News Bulletin Board)

This is the Lord's house. The Lord is here to welcome all who have come. Let us join in the spirit of love and peace for all who worship the Creator of us all.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Congregation

Our Session

Our Schools, school kids, teachers & school bus drivers

College Students

Kallie Pyle

Ray Hansen (Stomach Cancer treatments)

Steven Groat (Needs a Kidney)

Dexter Meseck

Crystal Thompson

Jim Winkler (Cancer)

Jeremy Plagman

Rev. Ken Fells

Patti Willer Snyder

Deb Langner

Malia Meyers

Florene Cork

Shari O'Bannon

Ken Fells Jr.

Our Military, First Responders, Iowa National Guard

Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. Remember, hospitalized members and friends don't always get on the list at the hospital. We'd rather get several calls than none! If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call Denise King (275-4516).

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PRAYER FOR CHURCHES:

September 20, 2026

Community, Lawton

Rev. Brian Maag

September 27, 2026

Pray for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies
RE Elona Street- Stewart, Synod Executive,
Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester, Leadership Development
RE Jim Koon, Financial Services and Treasurer
Rev. Pam Prouty, Stated Clerk
Amy Hartman, Financial Services Associate
Gretchen Milloy, Office Coordinator



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22nd)

Parker Currie (Sept. 23rd)

Jeff King (Sept. 24th)

Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

