

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
October 11, 2026

10:00 A. M.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Ken Fells

Keep our minds and spirits focused on you, O Lord, that we may not miss your message to us. Amen.

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's Presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God. Whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

***HYMN** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #562

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. You call us to study the Scriptures, but we are easily distracted. You ask us to be persistent in prayer, but we are quickly discouraged. Forgive us, God of Grace. Write your Word in our hearts, so that we may truly know you and joyfully serve you. We pray through Jesus, our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Elder

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #26

SERMON ""

***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** "Lift High the Cross" #304

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 2026

11 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ken Fells)

10:00 a.m. Worship

14 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

18 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Deb Loger)

10:00 a.m. Worship

19 Monday

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

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".

OCTOBER ELDER: Florene Cork

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Janet Illum (Cancer)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Congregation

Our Session

Our Schools, school kids, teachers & school bus drivers

College Students

Kallie Pyle

Patti Willer Snyder

Deb Langner

Ray Hansen (Stomach Cancer treatments)

Steven Groat (Got a Kidney)

Dexter Meseck

Crystal Thompson

Jim Winkler (Cancer)

Jeremy Plagman

Rev. Ken Fells

Malia Meyers

Florene Cork

Shari O'Bannon

Ken Fells Jr.

Our Military, First Responders, Iowa National Guard

A Letter from Christ

Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote:

"And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV).

What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.

What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as "a letter from Christ."

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:

October 11, 2026

Trinity, Wall Lake

October 18, 2026

Pray for our Ecumenical Partners

Welcome to all who have gathered to praise God today. May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to one another in the love and fellowship of Christ.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Jim Illum (Oct. 13th)

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 24th)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October 18

Deb Loger

October 25

Deb Loger

November 1

Rev. Norman Prather

November 8

Rev. Norman Prather

November 15

Debbie Loger

November 22

Bev Logsdon

November 29

Doug Schmidt (Advent)

A Harvest of Gratitude

The colors and beauty of autumn remind us that every season carries evidence of God's goodness. As we enjoy cooler days and changing leaves, may we pause to give thanks for His provision and share our blessings with those around us.

