

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A.M.  
September 7, 2025 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser

**PRELUDE** Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (*Psalm 100: 1, 2, 5*) 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** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" #10

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (*1 John 1:8, 9*)

LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Elder

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Rev. Dr. Kaltwasser

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

New Testament: Luke 14:25-33 (p. 1623) Elder

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:8-14 (p.320) Rev. Dr. Kaltwasser

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Dr. Kaltwasser

**HYMN** "Thy Word" #272

**SERMON** "The Word that Is Very Near" Rev. Dr. Kaltwasser

**\*APOSTLE'S 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** "Standing on the Promises" #271

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**(\*Those who are able please stand.)**

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## **2025 PER CAPITA**

2025 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 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> Norman Prather**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> Bev Logsdon**

**September 28<sup>th</sup> Rev. Kristy May**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> Norman Prather (Communion)**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> Bev Logsdon**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ken Fells**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> Bev Logsdon**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER 2025**

**07 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Dr. Rev. Cambria Kaltwasser)**

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

**14 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)**

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Schaller Fire Department  
Pancake Breakfast**

## Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace



"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God's faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God's ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God's steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.



The Christian Growth Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



### MISSION PROJECT

Our church will need 2 or 3 volunteers to help unload supplies at the Sac County Food Pantry in Early on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> around 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Watch for the exact time when the date gets closer. Our church will probably do this 3 times this year. If interested in helping let one of the elders know.



Session will be meeting on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



On Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> the Healthy Feet Clinic will be at the Schaller Presbyterian Church from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$45.00. Contact the Sac County Health Services to schedule an appointment at 662-4785.



The Children's Sunday School Classes will be starting up on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.



### **NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

Jeremy Plagman (stroke) He is home

Will start therapy on the 18<sup>th</sup> to get

his right leg and arm moving

(Rod & Charlene Plagman's son)

Ed Ploeger (Mel & Dorothy Ploeger's son)

(Double by-pass surgery on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)

Doug O'Bannon

(Knee Surgery on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>)

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

Our Church

Our Session

Our Schools

Our Teachers

Rev. Michael

Carol Wendel

Layla Peterson

Bob Hantsbarger

Denny Mauser

Rod Plagman (Not doing well)

Dexter Meseck

Ken Fells Jr.

Our Military

First Responders



# SEPTEMBER

*birthdays & anniversaries*

### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!**

Samantha McDonough (Sept. 8th)

Stephen Sydnor Sept. 9th)

Betty Franken (Sept. 12th)

Sarah Jacobson (Sept. 13th)

Waylon Jacobson (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)

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

Becca Kestel Pestano (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)

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

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

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

### **PRAYER FOR CHURCHES**

**September 7, 2025**

**Lakeside, Storm Lake – Rev. Jennifer Olson**

**September 14, 2025**

**First, South Sioux City – Rev. Beth Hamilton**

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).

### **Fall Into Fellowship: Church Life Is Back!**

As summer winds down, we're gearing up for an exciting season of ministry and connection. Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Wednesday After School Program, Ladies Fellowship, and more are all starting back up in September or October. There's a place for everyone—come grow, serve, and belong!

