

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Schaller, Iowa
May 24, 2026**

**10:00 A. M.
Pentecost Sunday**

Rev. Ken Fells

Pastor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: The Lord has redeemed us, gathering us from the east and the west, the north and the south.

Leader: When we had wandered from the goodness of God to a dry and desert land, hungry and thirsty, our souls fainted within.

People: Then we cried to the Lord, and He delivered us; He brought us into His mighty fortress;

All: We will thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for He satisfies the soul, and fills us with good things.

***HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #262**

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 104:24-34,35b Elder

New Testament Lesson: John 7:37-39 Pastor

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" #249

SERMON "Where Is the Spirit?"

***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 "The Comforter Has Come" #257**

***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.**

When the Spirit Turned Fear Into Courage

When Jesus was arrested, his apostles fled in fear. Peter, shaken and afraid, found himself denying that he even knew Christ. Christ’s followers hid in confusion and grief, feeling brokenhearted and hopeless.

Then, on the Jewish Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon them. Suddenly, they were empowered. Immediately they were galvanized. Right then and there, they were filled with enormous courage. Boldly, forthrightly, not far from the site of the crucifixion, they began to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead and that he was most certainly the long-awaited Messiah.

The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story of Christ as best he could. Then Peter offered his hearers the opportunity of becoming Christ's followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded to the offer at that very minute (Acts 2:41). We call that event the birthday of the Church.

Suzanne de Dietrich writes this about Pentecost in *Free Men*: “A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community. People gave their hearts to God and shared their possessions with their brothers and sisters in Christ. These believers could not keep silent. Their joyful freedom broke down every wall others tried to place around them, and no prison could silence their witness.”

The power of God upon them and within them was truly astounding.

Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR MAY-JUNE-JULY

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| May 31 | Rev. Ken Fells |
| June 07 | Norman Prather (Communion) |
| June 14 | Jay Grogan |
| June 21 | Kristy May |
| June 28 | Lue Baker |
| July 05 | Deb Loger |
| July 12 | Bev Logsdon |
| July 19 | Rev. Ken Fells |
| July 26 | Jay Grogan |

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".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 2026

- 24 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ken Fells) Pentecost Sunday**
10:00 a.m. Worship
- 25 Monday (Memorial Day)**
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- 27 Wednesday**
6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship
- 31 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ken Fells)**
10:00 a.m. Worship



Card Shower for Melvin Ploeger who will be turning 90 on June 2nd.

Melvin Ploeger
800 Byron Godbersen Dr.
Apt #108
Ida Grove, IA 51445

ELDER FOR JUNE:

Mark McDonough

ELDER FOR JULY & AUGUST:

Melanie Pyle

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Community Impact Project

We are looking for ideas for our 2026 "Community Impact Project". Each year Remington Seeds allocates \$5,000.00 to each location for a community impact project. Ideal projects would involve employee involvement to complete the project versus a monetary donation. The goal of the program is to improve the communities that we operate in. Examples of past projects:

2023 - Constructed walking path at the JC's ballfield

2024 - Replaced playground equipment at the JC's ballfield.

2025 - Replaced seats at the school baseball field, did work at the pool, and donated chairs and umbrellas to the pool.

Please call the plant with any ideas. 712-275-4711

Thanks,

Kent Grieme

Remington Seeds



Popcorn Days Church Float

Please be thinking about the church float so that our church can be represented in the Popcorn Day Parade. This year's theme is "Still poppin' after 75 years." The celebration is July 10th &

11th. Ideas and help are needed! Many helpers make a light load.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Randy Rydberg Family

The Kiersten Ryherd Family

Claudina Grienke

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Church

Our Session

Crystal Thompson (Neck surgery)

Rev. Ken Fells

Dexter Meseck (broken femur)

Bruce Mentzer

Randy Leask

Jeremy Plagman

(healing for his leg & ankle after his stroke)

Patti Willer Snyder

Malia Meyers

Florene Cork

Shari O'Bannon

Ken Fells Jr.

Our Military, First Responders, Iowa National Guard

SORRY FOR WRONG INFO

Parker Currie will be graduating from BVU in December.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

May 24, 2026

First Paullina – Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boon

May 31, 2026

Faith United, Sioux City and Rev. David Koehler

