

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Schaller, Iowa** **10:00 A. M.**  
**May 17, 2026** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Lue Baker**

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

**CANDLELIGHTING**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Bless the Lord who reigns in beauty.

People: Bless the Lord who reigns in wisdom.

Leader: Bless the Lord who reigns in my life with so much love.

ALL: Come let us worship the Lord in joy.

**\*HYMN** **“O Worship the King”** **#10**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Please be seated) **Lue**

God, you enfold me and surround me. You are in my speaking and my thinking. You are in my sleeping, my waking, my watching and my hoping. You are in my life, in my lips, in my soul and in my heart. You are in my slumber, in my eternity and in my everything. Let my life reflect your light in all I think, and all I say and all I do. Amen

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Elder**

Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination, freedom, intellect and reason and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy on us; heal and forgive us. Set us free

to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** **Lue**

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI** **#623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Old Testament:** **Jeremiah 2:11-13** **Janice**

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading:** **Revelation 7:11-17** **Janice**

**Gospel Reading:** **John 4:1-30** **Lue**

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

**CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN** **“Just As I Am”** **#342**

**SERMON** **“Clean Sweep”** **Lue**

**\*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 "Lead On, O King Eternal" #483

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*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.

### Graduation Sunday: Faith for the Road Ahead

Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning. As we celebrate students stepping into new seasons, we give thanks for the growth, perseverance and calling God has placed in their lives. May we surround our graduates with prayer, reminding them that God goes before them and walks with them wherever the journey leads.

## PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

### May 17, 2026

First, Rockwell City – Rev. Denise Berns

### May 24, 2026

First Paullina – Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boon

## PULPIT SUPPLY FOR MAY-JUNE

May 24	Rev. Ken Fells
May 31	Rev. Ken Fells
June 07	Norman Prather (Communion)
June 14	Jay Grogan
June 21	Kristy May
June 28	Lue Baker

## 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

- 17 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Lue Baker)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship
  - 2:00 p.m. Graduation
- 18 Monday
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- 20 Wednesday
- 3:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 24 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ken Fells) Pentecost Sunday
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship



Dee Gosch (May 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Theresa Bailey (May 22<sup>nd</sup>)



Card Shower for Melvin Ploeger who will be turning 90 on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Ideas and help are needed! Many helpers make a light load.

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Molly Hudson Family

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Congratulations to Eli Franken who will be graduating on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Parker Currie from BVU

Courtney Pyle

(from Iowa Western Community College on May 15<sup>th</sup>)

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Church

Our Session

Our School Kids

Our School Teachers

Crystal Thompson (Neck surgery)

Marge Bisenius

Joan Beebe

Rev. Ken Fells

Dexter Meseck (broken femur)

Bruce Mentzer

Randy Leask

Kirk Langner

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

