

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
August 23, 2026

10:00 A. M.

Thirteenth Sunday Day after Pentecost
Norman Prather

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder

One: Come, let us gather in the presence of our God, who sustains us through every trial and triumph.

People: We come with grateful hearts, ready to receive God's provision and grace.

One: In the complexities of our lives, God offers us wisdom, mercy, and forgiveness.

All: Let us lift our voices in unity and love with hearts united.

One: Yes! With peace and harmony, we worship the Lord who binds us together as one. Let's celebrate the God who is wonderful and glorious.

***HYMN** "He Leadeth Me" #461

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

All: Loving God, we confess our moments of despair and doubt, when we turn away from your sustaining grace. Forgive our divisions and lack of love. Restore us in times of conflict and confusion. May we find unity in your mercy and strength in your forgiveness. Lead us to embrace your provision and to seek nourishment in your presence alone. Amen. (personal prayer)

ONE: Lord may your name be glorified in us and through us. We ask this through Christ Jesus, your only begotten son. It is he who is our Lord and our Savior, our brother and our friend.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:8 Norman

Today's assurance of pardon is declared to us from Psalm 103, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Friends, this is the good news!

Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 19:4-8 Elder

New Testament Lesson: John 6:35, 41-51 Norman

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" #382

SERMON "A Crisis of Leadership"

*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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN “It Is Well with My Soul” #493**

***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.**

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We’re having a start-up bash!! Our first gathering will be the 4th Wednesday in August, August 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Then we will meet again on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring yourself and a friend for apple pie and ice cream. We will catch up on all the news, pass out our new books, have a little devotion, and end with a prayer time. Save the date! We’re looking forward to seeing everyone.

Back to School: Faith for a New Beginning

A new school year brings fresh opportunities, new challenges and exciting possibilities. Let us surround our students, teachers, families and school staff with prayer as they begin. May God grant them wisdom, courage, patience and peace for every day ahead.

Thank God for Teachers

It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students.

Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 2026

23 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)

September Newsletter Deadline

10:00 a.m.

Worship

24 Monday

School Begins

26 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship Start-Up Bash

30 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)

10:00 a.m.

Worship

SEPTEMBER ELDER: Mark McDonough



BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Kallie Pyle (Aug. 27th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Jim & Missy Kestel (Aug. 29th)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Our Schools, school kids, teachers & school bus drivers

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Congregation

Our Session

Kallie Pyle

Ray Hansen (Stomach Cancer)

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).

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

August 23, 2026 - Westminster, Sioux City – Rev. Kevin Freese

August 30, 2026

First, Battle Creek - Rev. Dr. Jim Edwards

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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 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

September 6	Rev. Norman Prather
September 13	Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser
September 20	Rev. Norman Prather
September 27	Deb Loger
October 4	Rev. Norman Prather
October 11	Rev. Norman Prather
October 18	Deb Loger
October 25	Deb Loger

Back-to-School Prayers

As students, teachers, administrators and school staff return to the classroom, we invite you to join us in covering them with prayer. Please pray for safety, wisdom, patience, friendship and a joyful year of learning and growth.

