

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
November 30, 2025

10:00 A. M.
First Sunday of Advent
Lue Baker

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE – THE CANDLE OF HOPE
(See Backside of Bulletin) (Jim & Cathy McDonough)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world.

People: Out of the mouths of children your majority is praised.

Leader: You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries.

All: Worship the Lord with your whole being.

***HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #124**

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Lue

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

God of grace, love and unity, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our being and love to our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen. (Time of Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Lue

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

CHILDRENS TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119:49-52 Elder

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:20-23 Lue

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Lo! How a Rose E’re Blooming #160

SERMON “Hope Prevails”

***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 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #141**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (v.1) #447**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)



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THE CANDLE OF HOPE

READER: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy
name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even
as we hope in you. (Psalm 33:20-22)

Leader: Something's coming.

People: **We're waiting. We're eager.**

Leader: It's more than presents.

People: **It's more than lights.**

Leader: We open the Book of Hope and read the promise.

People: **God will be with us.**

Leader: Our hearts are glad; we trust God's holy name.

People: **God's never-ending love surrounds us.**

Leader: Today we light the candle of Hope.

(Light the first candle.)

People: **Our hope is in the Lord. (Light the Purple Candle)**

The Schaller-Early-Nemaha Community Food Pantry (Mission Project)

The Food Pantry, which our church supports, is collecting Hy Vee (Storm Lake only) grocery and gas receipts. You will find a bucket at the Library, the Presbyterian Church, and at the Methodist Church. This runs until the end of April. Our Food Pantry will earn a percentage of the receipts and will be reimbursed with a check from Des Moines. This money may help cover costs to maintain our Food Pantry. Please drop all your HyVee receipts in one of the buckets.

ANGEL'S TOUCH



We will be having our Christmas cookie sale on Saturday, December 13th. If anyone would like to provide even a dozen cookies or candies to help us raise money in order to help others in need.

We are looking for door prizes for the cookie sale. If you have a talent and would like to donate one of these talents for a door prize we would appreciate it.

If anyone knows of any elderly people that Angel Touch could adopt for Christmas.

Let Shari O'Bannon (712-299-0397) or Denise King (712-749-9408) know if you want your cookie donations or door prizes picked up.

THIS WEEKS DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Ashley Kestel (Dec. 3rd); John W. Franken (Dec.3rd);

Missy Kestel (Dec. 6th); Florene Cork (Dec 9th)

ANNOUNCEMENT

NOVEMBER 2025

30 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Lue Baker) First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

DECEMBER 2025

03 Wednesday

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

07 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Jay Grogan (Carlise, IA)

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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ATTENTION!

Our church is looking for a person or persons to be the Treasurer starting in 2026. Lorna Currie will be retiring, but will stay on to help the new Treasurer. She says it's not a hard job. Having more than one person can act as backup. Please pray about stepping up to help in this capacity!

Elder of the Month for December:

Mark McDonough



CHALLENGE FUND

We received another anonymous \$10,000 matching gift challenge to the Church. For every dollar you contribute, the donor will match it up to a maximum amount of

\$10,000. So please make your contributions between now and December 29th, 2025. If you wish to mail a check, you can use the following address: First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 69, Schaller, IA 51053, or you can drop the check off at the State Bank of Schaller. PLEASE mark your checks "Challenge Fund" on the memo line.

The donor does wish to restrict the use of these funds solely for the benefit of the local church body and not be used for any purpose beyond the local church body of Schaller.

YTD: \$8,300



THE GIVING TREE

We have 2 tags left and we need your help! All you have to do is pick a tag, get a gift and return the gift with the tag attached! It can be

wrapped or bagged! All gifts must be brought back to the church by Sunday, December 14. Let's spread some Holiday Cheer this year!



SHARE THE WARMTH

The snowman is waiting for your gifts of warmth, which includes warm clothing items such as pajamas, mittens, snowpants, caps, underwear, scarves, socks and boots to keep others warm. In all sizes Please

have all your gifts of warmth at the church no later than Sunday, December 14th.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING (Nov. 30th- Dec 24th)

OUR GIFTS AT WORK:

SUPPORTING OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need. Thanks in part to support from this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances. These generous actions bear witness to our faithful response to God's charge to love one another as Christ commanded.



Christmas Joy Offering envelopes and children's coin boxes can be found in

the back of the Sanctuary throughout the season of Advent, PLEASE mark your check "JOY". Please give generously.



Please help provide our church with a festive look by sharing poinsettias for the season.

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".

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