

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Schaller, Iowa**  
**April 20, 2025**  
**8:00 A. M.**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Rev. Kenneth Fells**

**PRELUDE** **Judy Fells, Organist**

**CANDLELIGHTING**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

**\*HYMN** **"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"** **#217**

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) **Pastor**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (UNISON) **Elder**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** **Elder**

LEADER: We may work hard to hide our faults and flaws from one another and from ourselves, but with God, we may run, but we cannot hide. Therefore, let us turn to God and openly confess our sins, both corporate and private.

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** **Elder**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of

mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (Time of silent prayer)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** **Pastor**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Old Testament: Psalm 75** **Elder**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35**

**CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN** **"Alleluia! Alleluia!"** **#215**

**SERMON** **"Unbelievable"** **Pastor Fells**

**\*APOSTLE'S CREED**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** (Dedication of OGHS)

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (Debts & Debtors)

Congregational Response **#421** (Verse 1)

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY** **#625**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN                      “Because He Lives”                      #213**

**\*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 MAY**

<b>May 4</b>	<b>Norman Prather (Ida Grove)</b>
<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cambria Kaltwasser (Orange City)</b>
<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Norman Prather</b>
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## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

### CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Rev. Michael  
Our Church  
Our Session  
Bruce Mentzer  
Dave & Karen Dimmick  
Randy Leask  
Carol Wendel  
Rich Jorgensen and Barb  
Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger  
Carolyn Stille  
Florene Cork  
Terri Rininger  
Wanda Jeppeson  
Richard Morgan  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Ken Fells Jr.  
Our Military

## PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

Buena Vista University – Chaplain Dr. Melanie Hauser

April 27<sup>th</sup> 2025

Churches Searching for Pastors

Elder for April: Florene Cork

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April 2025

20 Sunday

Easter Sunday (Pulpit Supply Ken Fells)

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (prepared by  
the McDonough Family)

The free will offering goes to the Deacon fund to help with postage,  
cards for special occasions.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

NO 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

21 Monday

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

23 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

25 Friday

5:00-7:00 p.m. Visitation for Steve Schaefer

26 Saturday

10:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Steve Schaefer

27 Sunday

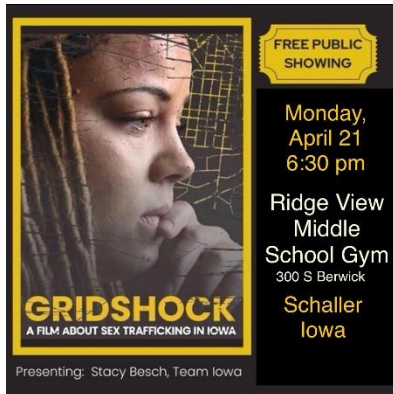
(Pulpit Supply Duane Queen & Senior Recognition)

May Newsletter Deadline with May Information

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Senior Recognition Sunday for our graduating senior, Clayton  
Jacobson. This will be a Potluck (no dessert) dinner after church.  
Cake will be provided by Christian Growth.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION NIGHT

Stacy Besch will be presenting on **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Ridge View Middle School at 300 S. Berwick in Schaller.**

Stacy has been traveling around the state of Iowa to get information about this horrific crime that is so prevalent

in the state of Iowa. She will be showing the movie **Gridshock** that is specific to our state. This presentation is recommended for **youth** and adults. I promise you that you will walk away from this event mind blown and disgusted but yet, informed and more aware.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Lyons at 712-275-4232.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Daniel Langner (April 20<sup>th</sup>)

Anna Jacobson (April 21<sup>st</sup>)

Susan Diersen (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27<sup>th</sup>)

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Phil & Sue Diersen (April 18<sup>th</sup>)

## “My Easter Dove”

There came a dove, an Easter dove,  
when morning stars grew dim;  
It fluttered round my lattice bars,  
to chant a matin hymn.

It brought a lily in its beak,  
aglow with dewy sheen;  
I caught the strain, the incense breathed,  
and uttered praise between.

It brought a shrine of holy thoughts  
to calm my soul that day;  
I caught the meaning of the note,  
why did it fly away?

Come peaceful dove, sweet Easter dove!  
Above earth's storm and strife,  
sing of the joy of Easter-tide,  
of light and hope and life.