

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
October 5, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Rev. Norman Prather

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

Bless God's Holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and do not forget God's benefits,
who forgives all our iniquity,
who heals all our diseases,**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**who redeems our life,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**who satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Bless the Lord.

***HYMN "Morning Has Broken"**

#60

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Rev. Prather

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
We look at a world undone by strife,

torn by violence,
separated by hatred.

Yet you call us to walk the way of peace.

Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to
follow you on this path because the cost is too high,
the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh.
Forgive us our complacency.

Grant us clarity of vision to see the light,

And the strength to walk behind you.

In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Prather

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament:

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

Elder

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament:

Luke 17:5-10

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Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

#259

SERMON

"Ordinary Servants, Extraordinary God"

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” #323

THE LORD’S SUPPER (SEE INSERT)

*HYMN “God of Our Fathers” #573

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG “God Be with You” #602

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

Communion Sunday – Remember & Rejoice

This Sunday, we’ll share in the Lord’s Supper together. Come prepared to reflect on Christ’s sacrifice, rejoice in His grace and be renewed in Spirit.

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 OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

October 12 th	Bev Logsdon
October 19 th	Rev. Ken Fells
October 26 th	Bev Logsdon
November 2 nd	Bev Logsdon
November 9 th	Bev Logsdon
November 16 th	Rev. Kristy May
November 23 rd	Bev Logsdon
November 30 th	Lue Baker
December 7 th	Jay Grogan
December 14 th	Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser
December 21 st	Rev. Ken Fells (Communion)
December 24 th	Jay Grogan (5:30 p.m. Christmas Program)
December 28 th	Lue Baker



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 31, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 2025

05 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Norman Prather)
World Wide Communion Sunday
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion



Jesus, you gave your body and shed your blood so we might be made whole. As we come to your table, quiet our hearts and help us remember your sacrifice with gratitude and awe. Amen.

12 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Bev Logsdon)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

OCTOBER ELDER: Florene Cork

NOVEMBER ELDER: Phil Diersen



NEW JOYS & CONCERNS

The Darald Sandhoff Family

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Church
Our Session
Our School Kids
Our Teachers
Doug O'Bannon
Jackie Mentzer
Deb Langner
Jeremy Plagman
Rod Plagman
Ed Ploeger
Bob Hantsbarger
Denny Mauser
Dexter Meseck
Ken Fells Jr.
Our Military
First Responders

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

October 5, 2025

Pray for our Ecumenical Partners

October 12, 2025

Trinity, Wall Lake



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Mark McDonough (Oct. 2nd)

Judy Fells (Oct. 7th)

Kathy Siebrecht (Oct. 10th)

Jim Illum (Oct. 13th)

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 24th)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

Welcome to this sacred moment of communion. As we share the bread and cup, may we remember Christ's love and sacrifice.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People: People will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.

The Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Unison Prayer

O God, who called us from death to life; we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after the supper

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong. Who brings us life eternal. We thank you for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

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