

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

September 6, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Norman Prather

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119:33-40)**

Elder

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees;

in your righteousness be gracious to me.

**\*HYMN**

“This Is the Day”

#590

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Norman

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess, together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Elder

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We’ve made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We’ve tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We’ve relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Exodus 34:6, Ezekiel 33:11)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live. By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

#623

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Elder

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

Norman

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**HYMN**

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

#249

**SERMON**

“It Ain’t Easy”

Norman

**\*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**

#624

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN**

“How Firm a Foundation”

#275

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SONG**

“Freely, Freely” (v. 1)

#447

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

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## **ATTENTION! PLEASE NOTE!**

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First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 156, Schaller, IA  
51053.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER 2026**

**06 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)**

**10:00 a.m.      Worship**

**09 Wednesday**

**6:00 p.m.      Ladies Fellowship**

**13 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser)**

**10:00 a.m.      Worship**

**21 Monday**

**7:00 p.m.      Session Meeting**

## **LADIES FELLOWSHIP**



Ladies' Fellowship will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church. Our next gathering will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. You don't need a book to participate.

## **Labor Day: Honoring Work and Rest**

Labor Day gives us an opportunity to honor the work of our hands and the many ways people serve their families, churches and communities. As we pause from our usual routines, may we give thanks for meaningful work, remember those seeking employment and receive God's gift of renewing rest.

## **Prayer of Remembrance for Patriots Day**

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter through every storm, and our eternal home:

We come before You remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Though many years have passed, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of families, friends and a grieving nation.

Lord, comfort those who continue to carry loss. Grant peace to the brokenhearted, strength to the weary and light to those walking through seasons of grief. Let Your presence bring hope where memories still ache.

Teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage. Help us to be a people who offer kindness to the hurting, encouragement to the discouraged and justice to those who suffer. Stir our hearts to live with mercy, humility and love for our neighbors.

Forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. May we strive each day to reflect the values of faith, unity and grace that honor You and strengthen our communities.

Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and unfailing mercy. Even in tragedy, You remain our refuge and our hope.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

### **CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

**Our Congregation**

**Our Session**

**Our Schools, school kids, teachers & school bus drivers**

**College Students**

**Kallie Pyle**

**Ray Hansen (Stomach Cancer treatments)**

**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**

**September 6, 2026**

Lakeside, Storm Lake – Rev. Jennifer Olson

**September 13, 2026**

First, South Sioux City – Rev. Beth Hamilton



## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!**

Jerry Gosch (Sept. 6th)  
Samantha McDonough (Sept. 8th)  
Stephen Sydnor (Sept. 9th)  
Betty Franken (Sept. 12th)  
Sarah Jacobson (Sept. 13th)  
Waylon Jacobson (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Janice Rydberg (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Becca Kestel Pestano (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Parker Currie (Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Jeff King (Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Brenna Franken (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)

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**SEPTEMBER ELDER: Mark McDonough**

**OCTOBER ELDER: Florene Cork**

Welcome, friends! On this marvelous Sunday, let us open our spirits to the loving presence of God that we may be spiritually fed and renewed by his grace.

## **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**

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| 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                   |

Lord, quiet the distractions within us and around us as we gather in Your presence. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill our minds with Your truth and lead us to worship You with sincerity and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

