

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Schaller, Iowa **10:00 A. M.**
March 22, 2026 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Norman Prather

PRELUDE **Janice Ploeger, Organist**

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Elder**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130) **Elder**

Leader: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

People: Let your ears hear our supplication.

Leader: We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

People: We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

ALL: Come. Let us worship God.

***HYMN** **“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”** **#259**

INVOCATION (Please be seated) **Norman**

CALL TO CONFESSION **Norman**

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is a loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confession our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) **Elder**

God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 130, The Message) **Norman**

“If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that’s why you’re worshiped.” Friends, through the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-4 **Elder**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson: John 11:1-45 **Norman**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN **“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”** **#249**

SERMON **“Living in Difficult Times ”**

***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** **#625**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN “Just A Closer Walk with Thee” #380

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex for anyone interested in bringing food donations for the Easter Breakfast.



Please help adorn our Sanctuary on Easter morning by sharing Easter Lilies with us. Thank you.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR MARCH-APRIL-MAY

March 29 Ken Fells (Palm Sunday)

April 2 Norman Prather
(7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday)

April 5 Ken Fells (10:00 a.m. Easter)

April 12 Jay Grogan

April 19 Bev Logsdon

April 26 Duane Queen

May 03 Jay Grogan

May 10 Deb Loger

May 17 Lue Baker

May 24 Rev. Ken Fells

May 31 Rev. Ken Fells

MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

03/31 Kirk Langner

APRIL ELDER: Florene Cork

MAY ELDER: Janice Ploeger

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

MARCH 2026

25 Wednesday

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

29 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ken Fells)

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) will be at 7:00 p.m.
with communion being served.

On Easter Sunday (April 5TH) we will be honoring our
Graduating Senior Eli Franken,
during the Easter Breakfast at
our church at 8:30 a.m.



Easter Sunday Worship will
follow the breakfast at 10:00 a.m.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Envelopes and fish coin boxes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary through the season of Lent.

Please mark your checks Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark OGHS. Please give generously.



Parents please encourage your children to fill up their One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks.

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".

PRESBYTERY OF PROSPECT HILL NEWS

Presbytery of Prospect Hill is discerning combining ministries and administration with Des Moines Presbytery and North Central Iowa Presbytery. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please attend one of the following listening sessions.

PROSPECT HILL LISTENING SESSIONS:

Saturday, April 18, at Cherokee Memorial (Cherokee) at 1:00 p.m.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The George Franzkowiak Family
Ted Wall

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Church
Our Session
Our School Kids
Our School Teachers
Chet Mentzer
Rev. Ken Fells
Patti Willer Snyder
Rich Madden
Malia Meyers
Denny & LaRae Mauser
Florene Cork
Shari O'Bannon
Jeremy Plagman
Dexter Meseck
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

March 22, 2026
First, Odebolt –

March 29, 2026
Associated Church of Hawarden, Hawarden

