

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
September 28, 2025

10:00 A. M.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Kristy May

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will sing praises to God all my life long!

Elder: Happy are those who help is in God, creator of heaven and earth, who is forever faithful:

People: seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

Elder: setting prisoners free, and opening the eyes of the blind;

People: lifting up those who are bowed down, and loving the righteous.

Elder: The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow;

People: but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.

Elder: The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations.

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible"

#25

INVOCATION

(Please be seated) UNISON

Rev. Kristy

Creator God, we praise you for your love in coming to us. We praise and thank you, gracious God, for you have not left us alone. Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name and the courage to be Christ for others. Give us courage, God our strength, to see your

Christ in all who suffer; to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed.

PRAYER CONFESSION

Elder

You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoilt it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, for those times your heart is saddened by our selfishness; for those times, we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world anew as a gift from you, to be shared and nurtured, and those who live upon it to be loved and cared for. Amen. *(Time of silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kristy

Our God is full of mercy and grace, slow to anger, and rich in love. When we fall, God is there to help us again. When we find ourselves burdened by past events and circumstances, God comes alongside to support and encourage us.

God is always close at hand, ready to listen when we call out to him. God hears our prayers, and answers them.

So be at peace. God has heard your prayer.

*GLORIA PATRI

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (NIV)

Elder

Psalms 146 (NIV)

Elder

New Testament: I Timothy 6:6-19 (NIV)

Rev. Kristy

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN ***“O God Our Help in Ages Past”*** **#52**

SERMON **“”** **Rev. Kristy**

***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 (OFFERTORY PRAYER) (UNISON)**

Gracious God, we give these gifts because you ask us to share. We dedicate this offering and our lives to your service, that the hungry may be fed, the oppressed may receive justice, and the stranger may be welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the bearer of your good news, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HYMN** ***“Take My Life and Let It Be” **#379**

***BENEDICTION**

L: God sends us from this place with a word of hope.

P: **We will offer the shelter of grace to all in need.**

L: Jesus sends us out with the word of life.

P: **We will seek to share community with those we will meet.**

L: The Spirit sends us into a world which longs for justice.

P: **We will trust that God’s freedom will be offered to all people.**

L: Go in peace to love and serve God!

P: **Amen!**

BENEDICTION SONG** ***“Be Glorified” (all verses) **#394**

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.

Communion Sunday: A Time to Remember

Join us on Sunday, October 5th as we gather for Communion during morning worship. Let's come together to remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate the grace we've received.

The smile of God



A wealthy Texas businessman told a pastor this story about his childhood. He said that when he was a little tot, he saw the sun shining through the old roof on the porch where his mother was standing. He asked his mother what the light spot on the floor was. His

mother knew that it was sunlight, but decided to relate the sunny spot to God. "That," she answered, "is God smiling down on us." The boy walked over to stand in the light. "What are you doing?" the mother asked.

"I'm standing in God's smile," he joyfully replied. The little boy grew up, went into business, gained success, but drifted away from God.

After his mother died, he had the task of selling the old home and dealing with all of his mother's possessions. One day he was in her attic looking around, when he noticed a pair of children's shoes. He picked them up and discovered a folded piece of paper inside one of them. When he unfolded the paper, he saw these words written in his mother's handwriting: "These are the shoes my little boy wore the day he stood in God's smile." That was the day the man was challenged to change his pattern of living. Tears welling up in his eyes, the man told the minister that the experience prompted him to begin getting right with God.

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

Call to worship by Moira Laidlaw, <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>; invocation posted @ <http://anglicanprayerbook.org.nz/525.htm>; confession adapted from John Birch, <http://www.faithandworship.com/>; assurance of grace & benediction found @ re:worship.com; offertory prayer posted on <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>. All used with permission.

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".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025

28 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Kristy May)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
(Hosted by the Sunday School Kids)

OCTOBER 2025

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





NEW JOYS & CONCERNS

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

September 28, 2025

Pray for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Staff
RE Elona Street-Stewart, Synod Executive
Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester, Leadership Development
RE Jim Koon, Financial Services and Treasurer
Rev. Pam Prouty, Stated Clerk
Amy Hartman, Financial Services Associate
Gretchen Milloy, Office Coordinator

October 5, 2025

Pray for our Ecumenical Partners



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October 5 th	Norman Prather (Communion)
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



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

Judy Fells (Oct. 7th)

Kathy Siebrecht (Oct. 10th)

Jim Illum (Oct. 13th)

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 24th)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

