

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Schaller, Iowa **10:00 A. M.**
August 30, 2026 **Fourteenth Sunday Day after Pentecost**
Norman Prather

PRELUDE **Janice Ploeger, Organist**

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Elder**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

Seek God in the sanctuary.

Seek God in the burning bush.

Seek God in the burning heart.

The Lord is here! This place is holy!

We are standing on holy ground.

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

INVOCATION (Please be seated) **Norman**

CALL TO CONFESSION **Norman**

Sin casts us out into the cold, but the warmth of God’s forgiveness welcomes us back. Trusting in God’s love, let us confess our sins to God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) **Elder**

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors,

building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Norman**

Hear the good news! New life rises from the ashes. In Christ, your sins are dead and you are alive to all that is good.

In Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!
Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Norman**

Divine Light, shine on these pages that the stories may speak again to us today. Shine on our hearts that we might know how to respond.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: **Exodus 3:1-6, 10-15** **Elder**

New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 16:21-28** **Norman**

CHILDRENS TIME

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

SERMON **“The bush did not burn”** **Rev. Prather**

***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**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** **“God Be with You”** **#601**

***BENEDICTION**

I send you out now into the world: where are there are many fires
burning that could consume you. But still I say: do not be afraid!

You bear the fire that does not consume: the strength of God who
keeps you, the clarity of Christ who calls you, and the dancing flames
of the Holy Spirit, who makes you brave and bold. Amen.

***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.

SEPTEMBER ELDER: Mark McDonough

OCTOBER ELDER: Florene Cork

If we are not in line with your will, graceful God, may this be the day we make
our lives fully dedicated to you.



ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop (Sept. 5th)

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. 13th)

Janice Rydberg (Sept. 13th)

Becca Kestel Pestano (Sept. 13th)

Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22nd)

Parker Currie (Sept. 23rd)

Jeff King (Sept. 24th)

Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

End of Summer: Celebrating God's Goodness

As summer draws to a close, we give thanks for moments of rest, laughter, travel and time spent with those we love. May we carry the joy of these summer memories into the season ahead, remembering that God's goodness remains with us through every change

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 2026

30 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)

10:00 a.m. Worship

SEPTEMBER 2026

06 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)

10:00 a.m. Worship

09 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

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 9th. All are welcome. You don't need a book to participate.

Fifth Sunday: Together in Faith

The fifth Sunday offers a special opportunity to gather, celebrate and strengthen the bonds of our church family. As we worship and fellowship together, may we welcome every generation, share our gifts and give thanks for the community God has created among us.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Our Schools, school kids, teachers & school bus drivers
College Students

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Congregation

Our Session

Kallie Pyle

Ray Hansen (Stomach Cancer)

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

August 30, 2026

First, Battle Creek - Rev. Dr. Jim Edwards

September 6, 2026

Lakeside, Storm Lake – Rev. Jennifer Olson

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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

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

Ready to Serve: A New Season of Ministry

August invites us to return to familiar rhythms with renewed purpose. Whether through worship, teaching, hospitality, outreach or quiet acts of kindness, each of us has something to offer. Let us enter this new season with willing hearts and open hands, ready to serve wherever God leads.

