

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
October 4, 2026

10:00 A. M.

19th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday
Rev. Norman Prather

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Luke 13:29)

Elder

L: People will come from east and west, from north and south, and
will eat in the kingdom of God.

P: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

***HYMN "O Worship the Lord"**

#593

CALL TO CONFESSION

Norman

Sin is our stumbling block. Repentance clears the way to hear and
receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail
to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and
consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap
people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God,
liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for
Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may
thrive. Amen.

**Assurance of pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17; Book of
Common Worship)**

Norman

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new
life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE READING

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Elder

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Norman

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#259

SERMON "Seeking What is Real"

Norman

***APOSTLES CREED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

Congregational Response #421

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #625**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN "In Remembrance"

#322

THE LORD'S SUPPER (See Insert)

***HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**

#249

***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

OCTOBER 2026

04 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)

10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

11 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ken Fells)

10:00 a.m. Worship

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".

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 October 14th. All are welcome. You don't need a book to participate.

OCTOBER ELDER: Florene Cork

On this World Communion Sunday, we join with Christians around the world in sharing the Lord's Supper. We warmly welcome all who have gathered for worship and encourage everyone to greet one another with the love of Christ.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October 18	Deb Loger
October 25	Deb Loger
November 1	Rev. Norman Prather
November 8	Rev. Norman Prather
November 15	Debbie Loger
November 22	Bev Logsdon
November 29	Doug Schmidt (Advent)

Christian Symbol



BREAD — One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or "bread from heaven," to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord's Supper, where it represents Christ's body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God's provision, Christ's presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.

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 (Got 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).

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PRAYER FOR CHURCHES:

October 4, 2026

Pray for our Ecumenical Partners

October 11, 2026

Trinity, Wall Lake

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, as we come to your table. Help us remember the sacrifice of Christ, receive your grace with gratitude and live as one body in your love. Amen.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Judy Fells (Oct. 7th)

Kathy Siebrecht (Oct. 10th)

Jim Illum (Oct. 13th)

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 24th)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

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

Communion

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.

