

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
April 6, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Rev. Norman Prather

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 126)**

Elder

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.

It was said among the nations,

The Lord has done great things for them.

The Lord has done great things for us,

and we are filled with joy.

**\*HYMN “Thy Word”**

#272

**INVOCATION**

(Please be seated)

Rev. Prather

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Elder

Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process.

We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another.

Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy.

And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Prather

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

#623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Old Testament:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Elder

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson:

John 12:1-8

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Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Rev. Prather

**HYMN “This Is the Day”**

#590

**SERMON**

“Defining Moments”

Rev. Prather

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** (One Great Hour of Sharing see elsewhere)

**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        “Lord dismiss us with Thy Blessing”        #601**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SONG    “Freely, Freely” (V. 1)        #447**

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**(\*Those who are able please stand.)**

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## **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”.**



## **PULPIT SUPPLY FOR APRIL-MAY**

<b>April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. Duane Queen</b>
<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. Ken Fells (Maundy Thursday) 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. Ken Fells (Easter Sunrise) 8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. Duane Queen</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Norman Prather (Ida Grove)</b>
<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cambria Kaltwasser (Orange City)</b>
<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Norman Prather</b>
<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lue Baker (Manning)</b>



## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Family of Stephen Saville  
The Family of Steve Schaefer

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Rev. Michael  
Our Church  
Our Session  
Bruce Mentzer (Radiation Treatments)  
Judy Felten  
Dave & Karen Dimmick  
Randy Leask  
Carol Wendel  
Rich Jorgensen and Barb  
Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger  
Carolyn Stille  
Florene Cork  
Terri Rininger  
Wanda Jeppeson  
Richard Morgan  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Ken Fells Jr.

## PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Westminster, Ida Grove – CRE Shari O'Bannon

April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

Wheatland, Breda

Elder for April: Florene Cork

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April 2025

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| 06 Sunday    | (Pulpit Supply Norman Prather)                                |
|              | 9:00 a.m. Sunday School                                       |
|              | 10:00 a.m. Worship  |
| 09 Wednesday |   |
|              | 6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship                                   |
| 12 Saturday  | Celebration of Life Service for Chanda Snow                   |
|              | 10:30 a.m. Graveside Service followed by a meal at our church |
| 13 Sunday    | Palm Sunday (Pulpit Supply Duane Queen)                       |
| 17 Thursday  | Maundy Thursday (Pulpit Supply Ken Fells)                     |
|              | 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service                   |
| 20 Sunday    | Easter Sunday (Pulpit Supply Ken Fells)                       |
|              | 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service                              |
|              | 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast                                    |
| 21 Monday    | 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting                                     |
| 23 Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship                                   |
| 25 Friday    | Visitation for Steve Schaefer                                 |
| 26 Saturday  | 10:30 a.m. Funeral Service for Steve Schaefer                 |
| 27 Sunday    | (Pulpit Supply Duane Queen)                                   |

Senior Recognition Sunday for our graduating senior, Clayton Jacobson. This will be a Potluck (no dessert) dinner after church. Cake will be provided by Christian Growth.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

### SHOWING UP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Lyndsay Sullivan knew right away that she had found her people, her community. When her ride didn't show up after a meeting she was attending, she was invited to an ADAPT Chicago meeting. At that meeting, she immediately recognized she had made a life-changing connection.

Today, Lyndsay, who lives with a disability herself, is the co-coordinator of ADAPT Chicago, a 501(c)4 nonprofit that "organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, including civil disobedience, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom."

ADAPT Chicago is one of nine organizations under the umbrella of the Alliance for Community Services (ACS), grassroots, member-led organization. ACS was formed when public aid offices were being closed and Medicaid benefits were being cut around the state. ACS works to bring together people with disabilities, low-income families and front-line service workers to resist threats, identify common ground and put the "human" back in human services.

The work of ACS is made possible, in part, through a grant from the PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, which is in turn supported by your generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. At the mid council level, the Presbytery of Chicago's Committee on the Self-Development of People is hands-on with ACS.

The presbytery's SDOP Committee co-moderator, Hope Daniels, shares that the Alliance for Community Services looks for ways to get things done politically, because people are having things done to them without being a part of the process.

In 2024, members of ACS met with Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson to address the inequities in the taxi industry. Lyndsay said that able-bodied people

could call a cab, and it would arrive in two to three minutes, but people with disabilities were waiting for an hour in certain places, and that wasn't right. "The mayor agreed, and he said that we need to look for ways to incentivize the cabs to take more wheelchair riders."

Lyndsay added that the reason she stays involved with ACS is that it's an entirely volunteer, grassroots organization, which makes her, if not exactly "excited" to be disabled, then proud.

"Because I am completely disabled, I consider my job to be doing the stuff I do with the Alliance and ADAPT Chicago," Lyndsey said. "We are attacking problems and finding solutions. That's what we do."

What can we do? We can each give as much as we can to One Great Hour of Sharing to help those like Lyndsay and ACS who are working hard to assure the civil and human rights of all people. And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let Us Prayer ~ God, you call us to organize ourselves to ensure that everyone has the tools they need to flourish. Thank you for the gift of the Church where we can do our part to ensure that justice, love and peace are known by all. By your Spirit, may we be moved to action in new ways. Amen.



**The One Great Hour of Sharing Envelopes and Fish Coin Boxes can be found in 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.**

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

**Philip Diersen (April 6<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Daniel Langner (April 20<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Anna Jacobson (April 21<sup>st</sup>)**  
**Susan Diersen (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)**  
**Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27<sup>th</sup>)**

### **ANNIVERSARY WISHES:**

**04/07 Aaron & Sarah Jacobson**  
**04/18 Philip & Susan Diersen**

