

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Schaller, Iowa **10:00 A.M.**
August 3, 2025 **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser

PRELUDE **Janice Ploeger, Organist**

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Elder**

CALL TO WORSHIP: **Elder**

Leader: God is our rock and our refuge

People: a strong and mighty fortress

Leader: Beloved, people of light, Come; the Lord is our hope!

People: Let us worship God!

HYMN** ***“Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down” **#14**

CALL TO CONFESSION (Heb. 4:14-16) **Elder**

LEADER: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect He was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) **Elder**

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we are a half-hearted band of witnesses, slow to believe the magnitude of your good news. Disrupt our complacency, unsettle our certainties, and remove the scales of prejudice and dogma. Give us new hearts and put a new Spirit within us. Remove from us a heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Rev. Dr. Kaltwasser**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament: Colossians 3:1-11 (p.) **Elder**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament: Hosea 6:1-6; 11:1-11 (pgs.) **Rev. Dr. Kaltwasser**

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CHILDREN’S TIME **Rev. Dr. Kaltwasser**

HYMN ***“Spirit of the Living God”*** **#247**

SERMON ***“The Fierce Tenderness of God”*** **Rev. Dr. Kaltwasser**

***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**

HYMN** ***“How Firm a Foundation” **#275**

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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

AUGUST 2025

03 Sunday

(Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser - Orange City)

10:00 a.m. Worship

10 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Duane Queen)

10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will next be celebrated during worship on Sunday, August 10th.

Lifelong learners

"If you don't have wisdom that goes with knowledge, you are only a walking encyclopedia," wrote Jack Wellman, a Kansas pastor. "A book of knowledge is useless without the wisdom to know how to apply that knowledge. ... Information without transformation leads only to frustration."

Consider the many benefits of wisdom — and how you can use what you've acquired to serve God, your church and your community. To better fulfill your calling, what wisdom might you yet need to acquire?

As another school year begins, here's a prayer for students of all ages: All-wise, all-knowing God, make us willing learners and seekers of your wisdom, not for the gain of knowledge for its own sake, but that we might handle every situation we face with the wisdom of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

Why Christian community is key

Jesus' followers aren't meant to pursue faith by themselves. In fact, that's impossible! A family and the body signify plural members. It is among brothers and sisters in Christ that we:

- *experience our Savior's presence, living and incarnate;*
- *unite in worship, confess our sins, hear the gospel and receive Communion;*
- *accept church discipline through the gentle guidance of others;*
- *learn — through other people's examples and experiences — what it means to live a life of discipleship;*
- *and lovingly serve together as Jesus' hands and feet.*



ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Bruce & Jackie Mentzer (August 3rd)

John & Brenna Franken (August 13th)

Jim & Missy Kestel (August 29th)

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Stuart Claussen (August 9th)

Rev. Ken Fells (August 11th)

Shirley Claussen (August 20th)

Kallie Pyle (August 27th)

AUGUST ELDER

Lorna Currie



NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Family of Eldon Peterson

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Kerr County in Texas

Our Church

Our Session

Rev. Michael

Carol Wendel

Layla Peterson

(Craig & Krystal Naslund Peterson's Daughter)

Bob & Marilyn Hantsbarger

Camdan Hantsbarger

Denny Mauser

Rod Plagman

Dexter Meseck

Ken Fells Jr.

Our Military

First Responders

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

August 3, 2025

First, Cleghorn

August 10, 2025

Unity, Sac City – Rev. Missy Erickson

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).



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

August 10th

Duane Queen (Communion)

August 17th

Bev Logsdon

August 24th

Bev Logsdon

August 31st

Norman Prather

September 7th

Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser

September 14th

Norman Prather

September 21st

Bev Logsdon

September 28th

Rev. Kristy May

October 5th

Norman Prather (Communion)

October 12th

Bev Logsdon

October 19th

Rev. Ken Fells

October 26th

Bev Logsdon

Friends and guests, as the end of summer nears, it's a delight to be together to praise God and share in his love. Welcome!

