

First Presbyterian Church
Schaller, Iowa
September 27, 2026
10:00 A.M.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Debbie Loger

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Elder

Leader: In their wilderness wandering, the Israelites grumbled. The Lord lit their way and provided nourishment.

People: In our life journeys, we will give thanks for the providence of the Holy One.

Leader: In their daily work, the laborers in the field grumbled with resentment over gracious giving.

People: In our daily lives, we will rejoice at generosity shown to others.

Leader: As we seek to live our lives by the example of Christ may we delight in God's grace.

People: We will offer caring presence and abundant generosity. We will even endeavor to give up our grumbling.

***HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" #60

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Debbie

Our greatest hope, O God, is to love as Jesus did, with grace and compassion. Clear the wandering paths of our minds and hearts, that your Spirit may fill us with grace to receive and share your blessings.

CALL TO CONFESSION Debbie

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION Elder

God of our ancestors, God of us, we long to live as you call us to do, letting love be true, hating what is evil, and holding fast to what is good. But we do not always manage to choose that which gives life rather than steals it. And so, we become a stumbling block, when we mean to be a stepping-stone. God of our hearts, we yearn for your strength to let go of the evil and choose good. We seek your presence to stay with us in our own suffering and to keep us present to the suffering of others. We long for you to take our struggles and turn them into strengths. We ache to take our stumbling and turn it to steps on the journey, growing nearer to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Debbie

***GLORIA PATRI # 623**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Exodus 16: 2-15 Elder

New Testament: Matthew 20: 1-16 Debbie

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Amazing Grace" #202

SERMON "Grace"

***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 #625**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN "Oh Jesus I Have Promised" #369**

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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It is a genuine joy to welcome all who have come to praise our Lord. Let us begin this service as we should begin every day: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will next be celebrated during worship
on Sunday, October 4th.

OCTOBER ELDER: Florene Cork

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October 4	Rev. Norman Prather - Communion
October 11	Rev. Norman Prather
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.

O Lord, may my heart not be hardened, my ears not deaf, my mind not wandering as I strive to worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

27 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Debbie Loger)

October Newsletter Deadline

10:00 a.m. Worship

OCTOBER 2026

04 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norman Prather)

World Communion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

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.

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:

September 27, 2026

Pray for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies

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 4, 2026

Pray for our Ecumenical Partners



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

Mark McDonough (Oct. 2nd)

Judy Fells (Oct. 7th)

Kathy Siebrecht (Oct. 10th)

Jim Illum (Oct. 13th)

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 24th)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

