

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Schaller, Iowa  
August 31, 2025**

**10:00 A.M.  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Norman Prather**

**PRELUDE**

**Janice Ploeger, Organist**

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Elder**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Elder**

L: Gathered to worship God,

**C: we are all right where we belong.**

L: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

**C: we approach God with joy in our hearts.**

L: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

**C: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.**

**\*HYMN "When We Walk With The Lord" #349**

**INVOCATION (Please be seated) Norman**

**CALL TO CONFESSION Elder**

Our God is a generous God, bestowing grace immeasurably, loving us beyond what we can imagine, and forgiving us before we know to ask. To this God of generosity, love and forgiveness we now turn as we confess our sins.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder**

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Norman**

God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**New Testament: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Elder**

**Leader: The Word of the Lord:**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament: Luke 14:1, 7-14 Norman**

**Leader: The Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" #249**

**SERMON "Pride and Humility"**

**\*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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #92**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SONG** (VS 1) **#601**  
“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

**\*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”.



**PULPIT SUPPLY FOR  
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER**

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| September 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup> | Norman Prather              |
| September 21 <sup>st</sup> | Bev Logsdon                 |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup> | Rev. Kristy May             |
| October 5 <sup>th</sup>    | Norman Prather (Communion)  |
| October 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Bev Logsdon                 |
| October 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Rev. Ken Fells              |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Bev Logsdon                 |

## Honoring the Gift of Work



The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden “to work it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: “Six days you shall labor, and do all your work” (Exodus 20:9, ESV).

Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world.

Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, “We are God’s fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV).

On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care.

—Author unknown

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### August 2025

31 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Norman Prather)  
10:00 a.m. Worship

### SEPTEMBER 2025

07 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Dr. Rev. Cambria Kaltwasser)  
10:00 a.m. Worship



### MISSION PROJECT

Our church will need 2 or 3 volunteers to help unload supplies at the Sac County Food Pantry in Early on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> around 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Watch for the exact time when the date gets closer. Our church will probably do this 3 times this year. If interested in helping let one of the elders know.



Session will be meeting on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



On Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> the Healthy Feet Clinic will be at the Schaller Presbyterian Church from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$45.00. Contact the Sac County Health Services to schedule an appointment at 662-4785.



The Children's Sunday School Classes will be starting up on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.



## **NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

The Family of Gerald Tripp  
Jeremy Plagman (stroke)  
(Rod & Charlene Plagman's son)  
Ed Ploeger (Mel & Dorothy Ploeger's son)  
(Double by-pass surgery on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Doug O'Bannon  
(Knee Surgery on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>)

## **CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Our Church  
Our Session  
Our Schools  
Our Teachers  
Rev. Michael  
Carol Wendel  
Layla Peterson  
Bob Hantsbarger  
Denny Mauser  
Rod Plagman  
Dexter Meseck  
Ken Fells Jr.  
Our Military  
First Responders

## **PRAYER FOR CHURCHES**

August 31, 2025

First, Battle Creek – Rev. Jim Edwards

September 7, 2025

Lakeside, Storm Lake – Rev. Jennifer Olson

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).



## **ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!**

Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>)

## **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. 13<sup>th</sup>)

Janice Rydberg (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)

Becca Kestel Pestano (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)

Cathy McDonough Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Parker Currie (Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Jeff King Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>)

Brenna Franken (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)

## **Still Praying Over the School Year**

Even though the school year is underway, we're still covering students, teachers, and staff in prayer. Tag a teacher or student you're praying for this month!

