

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
December 28, 2025

10:00 A. M.
First Sunday after Christmas
Lue Baker

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In Christ we are called to endure and hope. In the coming New Year, let us give thanks for a faith that gives hope.

People: God of grace and glory, ever present with us, how reassuring is the love with which you surround us!

*HYMN "The Solid Rock" #404

UNISON PRAYER (Please be seated) LUE

Lord, let me see my church and myself with honesty and open eyes. Help us to grasp where we have gotten out of balance with inwards and outward ministries as a congregation and individuals. Give us a vision to make a difference in our community. Lord, use me as a catalyst and an instrument for changes that we may complete your mission for us in today's world. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

God of wisdom, our choices have denied you. We drink from shallow waters of instant gratification when you offer a spring of living water from the depth of your love. We pursue our own fame and glory, which crumble into dust when we view the sacrifice and service that builds true character. O God, we confess that we have not put first things first. We have not lived up to the crown of glory and honor which you offer us. Recall us to awe and wonder and guide us in the ways of truth. Amen Silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lue

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Psalms 23:1-6

Elder

Leader: The Word of the Lord:
People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament: Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord:
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17-23

Lue

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Our God Our Help In Ages Past" #52

SERMON "Let's Get Cooking"

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 "We've A Story to tell to the Nations" #296

*BENEDICTION

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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".

CHALLENGE FUND:

We have met our goal!

ATTENTION!

Our church is looking for a person or persons to be the Treasurer starting in 2026. Lorna Currie will be retiring, but will stay on to help the new Treasurer. She says it's not a hard job. Having more than one person can act as backup. Please pray about stepping up to help in this capacity!

CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



There will be a Corporation/Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 11th which will serve as the annual meeting. There is a snow date of January 25th. We will elect officers, treasurers, and discuss reports from last year. The budget will be discussed as an information item.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY

January 4	Jay Grogan
January 11	Rev. Ken Fells (Congregational Meeting)
January 18	Melanie Hauser (BV College)
January 25	Rev. Ken Fells (Snow Date for Congregational Meeting)
February 1	Rev. Ken Fells (Communion)
February 8	Jay Grogan
February 15	Norman Prather
February 22	Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Jordan Grothe (Jan. 2nd)
David Sydnor (Jan. 5th)
Dylan Johannsen (15th)
Dan Bailey (Jan. 23rd)
Carolyn Young (Jan. 28th)
Denise King (Jan. 28th)
Shane Reimers (Jan. 26th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger (Jan. 26th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 2025

28 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Lue Baker)
10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNUAL REPORTS



Annual Reports and Nominating Committee Reports are due to Denise no later than January 4th, so she can have them ready. (Reports needed Session, Christian Growth, Ladies Fellowship, Nominating Report, Sunday School, Treasurer's Reports.)

JANUARY 2025

04 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Jay Grogan)
10:00 a.m. Worship

11 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ken Fells)
11:00 a.m. Corporation/Congregational Meeting
(Snow date January 25th)

14 Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING (Nov. 30th- Dec 24th)



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Christmas Joy Offering envelopes and children's coin boxes can be found in the back of the Sanctuary throughout the season of Advent, PLEASE mark your check "JOY". Please give generously.

The Schaller-Early-Nemaha Community Food Pantry (Mission Project)

The Food Pantry, which our church supports, is collecting Hy Vee (Storm Lake only) grocery and gas receipts. You will find a bucket at the Presbyterian Church. This runs until the end of April. Our Food Pantry will earn a percentage of the receipts and will be reimbursed with a check from Des Moines. This money may help cover costs to maintain our Food Pantry. Please drop all your HyVee receipts in one of the buckets.

THANK YOU'S!

A big thank you to Bob Hantsbarger for playing the guitar for our Christmas Eve Service.

Thanks to Cathy McDonough, Courtney Pyle and Denise King for doing the Christmas Program and all the youth who participated, and the families who did the readings and lighting of the advent candles, everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas, the bulletin board in the entryway.

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettia plants to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. What a beautiful way to honor the memory of loved ones.

A big thank you to those who helped with the tags for the Giving Tree and Share The Warmth Snowman this year. This helped many local children.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Church
Our Session
Our School Kids
Our School Teachers
Rev. Ken Fells
Doug O'Bannon
Denny & LaRae Mauser
Shari O'Bannon
Florene Cork
Deb Langner
Jeremy Plagman
Rod Plagman
Dexter Meseck
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).

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

December 28, 2025

Pray for those Elders and Pastors who have gone before us in 2025

January 4, 2026

Memorial, Cherokee and Rev. Philip Beisswenger

