

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
April 19, 2026

10:00 A. M.

Third Sunday of Easter

Bev Logsdon

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: By his love we are made free from the fear of death.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #381

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated) Bev

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Elder

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Bev

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23 Elder

New Testament Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 Bev

**HYMN** "Amazing Grace" #202

**SERMON** "Jesus Among Us"

**\*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** "They'll Know We Are Christians" #284

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

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The warmest of welcomes to one and all. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. Reach out in loving acceptance to those around you. We are all children of the heavenly King.

## **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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **APRIL 2026**

19 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Bev Logsdon)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

20 Monday

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

26 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Duane Queen)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

## **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".

## Sharing our Easter inheritance

After David Clarke's mother died in a cycling accident, she left him \$125,000. Inspired by how his mom had lived, he decided to share that inheritance with his community. Clarke chose four organizations that assist people in poverty, those with special needs and others. Liverpool (U.K.) Kids Plant to Plate received one-fourth of the money to teach urban kids about food growth and preparation. Team Oasis, which provides free meals and positive opportunities to disadvantaged families, also received 25% of the funds, as did two other nonprofits.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we too have an inheritance (see Colossians 1:12). Because we did nothing to earn this abundant love and life — and because God teaches us to serve and care for others — we look for ways to share it.

Unlike Clarke's monetary windfall, however, our gifts of salvation, grace, joy, love and blessing never run out. In fact, the more we share Jesus' love through word and deed, the more we experience it ourselves. As Clarke keeps his mom's spirit alive by following her example, so we, as Easter people, make the Spirit of God known far and wide.

## Celebrating Creation — Earth Day

April offers a beautiful reminder of God's handiwork. Earth Day encourages us to care for creation with gratitude and stewardship. Consider small steps — reducing waste, planting something new or enjoying the beauty of God's world with fresh appreciation.



## Popcorn Days Church Float

**Please be thinking about the church float so that our church can be represented in the Popcorn Day Parade. This year's theme is "Still poppin' after 75 years." The celebration is July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Ideas and help are needed! Many helpers make a light load.**



## APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

**Daniel Langner (April 20th)**

**Anna Jacobson (April 21st)**

**Susan Diersen (April 22nd)**

**Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27)**

**MAY ELDER: Janice Ploeger**

Children of God, siblings of Christ: The Holy Spirit has called and gathered us here. Let us worship together.

## **NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

Marge Bisenius (hip surgery on the 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Joan Beebe (knee surgery)  
Ridgeview High School Prom (April 25<sup>th</sup>)

## **CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Our Church  
Our Session  
Our School Kids  
Our School Teachers  
Dexter Meseck (hip replacement)  
Mary Haight  
Bruce Mentzer  
Randy Leask  
Kirk Langner  
Jeremy Plagman  
Rev. Ken Fells  
Patti Willer Snyder  
Malia Meyers  
Denny & LaRae Mauser  
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).**

## **PRAYER FOR CHURCHES**

**April 19, 2026**

Buena Vista University – Chaplain Dr. Melanie Hauser

**April 26, 2026**

Churches Searching for Pastors

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

April 26 Duane Queen  
May 03 Jay Grogan  
May 10 Deb Loger  
May 17 Lue Baker  
May 24 Rev. Ken Fells  
May 31 Rev. Ken Fells  
June 07 Norman Prather  
June 14 Jay Grogan  
June 21 Kristy May  
June 28 Lue Baker

### **A Prayer for Open Hearts and Minds**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is the fullness of light and wisdom. We ask that you enlighten our minds through the work of your Holy Spirit. Clear away distraction and doubt, and help us turn our full attention to you.

Give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility. Shape our hearts so we may listen not only with our ears, but with willing spirits, ready to be taught and transformed. Remind us that true understanding does not come from our own insight or effort, but from your truth revealed to us in love.

As we hear and reflect on Scripture today, draw us closer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust and guide us in the way we should go. May your Word take root within us and bear fruit in our lives, bringing honor to your name.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all wisdom and grace are given. Amen.

