

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Jay Grogan

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder

ELDER: In you, O LORD, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.

PEOPLE: In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us.

ELDER: Incline your ear to us; make haste to deliver us

PEOPLE: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

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

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Jay

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Our faith is precious to us, Father, but fear too easily overpowers it. Forgive us when we have restricted our faith, and have given way to fear, making decisions in disobedience to your will. Convince us of the surety of your promise to be our God, that we may not trust in the false hopes of our power. Hear now our silent prayers.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jay

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

New Testament Lesson: Mark 3:13-19 Elder

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119:9-14 Jay

HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" #451

SERMON "The Apostles Teachings"

*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 "Where He Leads Me" #373

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

MAY ELDER: Janice Ploeger

Heavenly Father, help us to remember that we belong to you. Touch us, heal us, bless us. Walk with us daily that we may have the courage and faith to meet all life's challenges. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 2026

03 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Jay Grogan)

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Schaller Fire Department Biscuits and
Gravy Breakfast at the Schaller Firehouse. Free will
donation**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

06 Wednesday

3:30 p.m. Confirmation

10 Sunday

Happy Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

SAC COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY EVENT

Join us for a fun family friendly safety event on Thursday, May 7th
from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Sac County Public Health, 116 S. State St, Sac
City, IA 50583!

**FREE: Bike Helmets, Meal, Car Seat Check, Sign up for Well tests.
There will also be a Scavenger Hunt and Raffles.**

Stirring Up a Life With Meaning

When Winston Churchill once dined at a prestigious London restaurant, he tasted his soup and promptly sent it back to the kitchen. "It has no theme," he complained.

A good soup, he insisted, should have a theme. The same can be said of many things that matter: a good book, a meaningful concert, a memorable film, a powerful sermon, a beautiful work of art.

It is also true of a good life.

Joan of Arc, the French martyr, declared, "God must be served first." That was her theme. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he desired to know nothing among them except Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2). That was his theme. Again and again, we see that every truly devoted Christian lives with a central, guiding focus — an overriding theme.

That realization invites a personal question: What is ours?

Pastor and psychologist Dr. Curtis Nigh offers this challenge: "If the heart does not have a noble or goodly theme, then it develops an anti-theme." In other words, if we do not intentionally shape our lives around what is good and holy, something lesser will quietly take its place.

To be a Christian is to embrace a compelling, Christ-centered theme. It shapes our priorities, our decisions, our relationships and our hope. It is not simply an idea we admire — it is the heartbeat of a life lived for God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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".



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 10th & 11th. Ideas and help are needed! Many helpers make a light load.

CHURCH NEWS BULLETIN BOARD

On your way into the Sanctuary check out the Church News Bulletin Board display, there are up coming events from Sac County and Buena Vista areas.

Greetings and welcome to all! Families and friends, visitors from far and near are all welcomed in the name of Christ. Let us join with hearts and hands, bodies and spirits in worshiping the Creator of us all - with rejoicing!

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Crystal Thompson (Neck surgery)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Church

Our Session

Our School Kids

Our School Teachers

Marge Bisenius (hip surgery)

Joan Beebe (knee surgery)

Dexter Meseck (broken femur)

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

May 3, 2026

First Ringsted -

May 10, 2026

Elliott Creek, Bronson – Rev. Brian Maag



MAY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS :

Beth Bailey Sly (May 4th)

Marilyn King (May 12th)

Dorothy Ploeger (May 15th)

Dee Gosch (May 17th)

Theresa Bailey (May 22nd)

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR MAY-JUNE

May 10 Deb Loger

May 17 Lue Baker

May 24 Rev. Ken Fells

May 31 Rev. Ken Fells

June 07 Norman Prather (Communion)

June 14 Jay Grogan

June 21 Kristy May

June 28 Lue Baker

