

December 16, 2018

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth." Psalm 57:5 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Carrol & Carolyn Bandstra Dale & Jana Rozendaal	Daryl & Le Ann Bouwkamp Devon Van De Kieft family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Keith Van Ee; Huyser - Marcia Van Gorp; Le Mahieu - Dennis Van Wyk; Vander Wal - Bernie Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Frank Reitsma, Helen De Jong, Sandy Fynaardt, Mike Vander Hart	Norman De Jong, Glen Fynaardt, Carm Reitsma, Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery	a.m. Susan Veenstra, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Leah Bruxvoort, Sydney Bruxvoort	a.m. Abbie Vander Molen, Andrew Veenstra p.m. Ruth De Bruin, Kaden Kruid
Offering	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Cure International	a.m. Safe Water International Ministries p.m. Dordt College

TODAY

Please join us as we **fellowship** over a cup of coffee or lemonade after the morning worship service.

Church School classes will meet after the morning service and dismiss at 11:30. Preschool, high school, and adult classes meet in the church basement; classes for grades K-8 meet in the school. Visitors are welcome! Offering: Joel & Jeannie Huyser (God's Treasures, Nicaragua)

Christmas program practice for 3-year-old through 4th grade Church School students will take place in the sanctuary following the morning worship service. All program participants should be in the church basement by 5:40 p.m.

CALENDAR

Monday 2:00 p.m. Sharing the Weight Blanket Sewing Day (snack/supper provided)
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Cadets Christmas Caroling (meet at gym)
7:00 p.m. GEMS

NEXT WEEK

During the season of **Advent**, as we anticipate celebrating again the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas day, we remember that we are a people waiting for the Second Coming of Christ in glory. As we wait, we are not to be idle, but our time is to be spent on the mission Jesus has given his disciples. This Advent we are looking at the mission Jesus set out for his twelve disciples in Matthew 10. In the morning, we will continue our series in the gospel of Matthew as we look at **Matthew 10:24-42**.

In the evening, we will examine "the good deposit that was entrusted to us" (2 Timothy 1:14), using as our guide the **Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 23**

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of the December Council highlights, family visiting schedule, and various information/newsletters are available in your **church mailbox** today.

The deacons humbly thank the congregation for your **generous gifts** to the General Fund and various offering causes throughout the year. Books will close for the 2018 budget at our deacons' meeting on December 26. As of December 8, we are approximately \$26,000 short of this year's budget. Please prayerfully consider how you can give for the needs of our church.

ADVANCE NOTICE: A light meal (beef burgers) will be served before the Sunday evening service on **December 30**. Plan to join us for food and fellowship!

The elders are planning for a **Family Worship follow-up discussion** during the Church School hour on January 13. What did you find helpful? What have you put into practice? What do you wonder about after the weekend presentation by Trudy Ash in October or after reading the book the elders handed out, *The Neglected Grace* by Jason Helopoulos. We encourage you to read it before the discussion. Extra copies are available in the church library for those who did not receive one and would like to read it.

CHURCH FAMILY

Lawrence Roose will have knee replacement surgery on Monday. Please pray for success and speedy recovery.

We give thanks to God with **Iris Vander Wal** on the occasion of her 85th birthday next Sunday, December 23.

SCHOOL NOTES

If you have not yet responded to the **Pella Christian High School Annual Financial Drive**, please prayerfully consider giving a gift by December 31 to help provide Christ-centered learning for our covenant young people. Donations are tax-deductible and may be delivered or mailed to 300 Eagle Lane, Pella, IA 50219.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew Disaster Response Services is planning a mission / flood recovery work trip to Hammond, Louisiana, January 19-26, 2019. If interested in participating, please contact Harold Van Wyk (641-891-2038; haroldtwyla@yahoo.com).

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: On this third Sunday in Advent, spend some time talking about the many ways God shows that he loves us, including sending his own Son. List as many ways as you can. Then talk about how your family can show that you love each other and how you can show love to your friends and neighbors. (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)