

December 23, 2018

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "My soul praises the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Daryl & Le Ann Bouwkamp Devon Van De Kieft family	Rob Bruxvoort family Marion & Nancy Terpstra
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Dennis Veenstra; Huyser - Gretta Veenstra; Le Mahieu - Jayme Veenstra; Vander Wal - Rita Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong, Glen Fynaardt, Carm Reitsma, Sandy Vander Hart	
Nursery	a.m. Abbie Vander Molen, Andrew Veenstra p.m. Ruth De Bruin, Kaden Kruid	a.m. Nicole Vos, Jocelyn Veenstra p.m. Kelli Kruid, Alyson De Bruin
Nursery Christmas Day		Rachel Jochems, Kora Kruid
Offering	a.m. Safe Water International Ministries p.m. Dordt College	a.m. Peoria CRC Youth Building Remodel Project p.m. Zuni Christian School
Offering Christmas Day		World Renew

TODAY

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

Church School and Catechism classes will not meet today.

Choir will practice at 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome to a time of **prayer** in the Council room following the evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Christmas Worship Service (prelude at 9:15)
Thursday 7:00 p.m. 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting

NEXT WEEK

In the morning, Pastor George will preach on **Ecclesiastes 7:10-18**, Looking Back. A light meal (beef burgers) will be served from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the church basement. Plan to join us for food and fellowship!

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 24**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Christmas worship service will be held on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. The prelude will begin at 9:15. Join us as we gather to celebrate One who was given "to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." Luke 1:79-80 (NIV)

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.

As we end 2018 and enter 2019, Pastor George will preach a three-part series from **Ecclesiastes**:

- December 30, Ecclesiastes 7:10-18, Looking Back
- January 6, Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14, Looking Ahead
- January 13, Ecclesiastes 3:1-14, Living Now

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.

JANUARY USHERS:

East Door	a.m.: Harlan De Boer, Grant Fynaardt, Randall Vos p.m.: Jim De Bruin, Mark Franje, Spencer Fynaardt
West Door	a.m.: Jon Klyn; p.m.: Doug Vande Voort
Elevator	a.m.: Bernie Veenstra; p.m.: Norman De Jong
Substitute	a.m.: Tim Kruid; p.m.: Glen Fynaardt

CHURCH FAMILY

We give thanks that surgeries for **Lawrence Roose** and **Marcia Wouterse** went well. Marcia will remain in the hospital in Des Moines for about 7-10 days. Please thank God for his care and ask him for patience with healing.

We extend our sympathy to **Lois Klyn** in the passing away of her sister-in-law Clazina Hoksbergen. May God provide His comfort and peace through His gospel promises.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Distinctively Healthy Church Annual Event** will be held at Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Pella Faith CRC. You are invited to this one-day equipping conference on the life-changing impact of connecting the generations in your congregation to each other. We'll explore what each age group brings to the table, as well as what they need from their church family. We'll also discuss how intentional intergenerational ministry can be a catalyst for community outreach and church growth. Opportunities for discussion and ministry planning with your team are built into the day! Dr. Syd Hielema (formerly a ministry professor at Dordt and now leader of Faith Formation Ministries) will present a keynote address, and several workshops will be offered. (This event is put on by the Connections Project and Faith Formation Ministries.) Cost is \$35/individual or \$30/individual in a group of four or more (includes light breakfast, lunch, snacks and materials.) Please RSVP to Trudy Ash (tash@crcna.org) or pay at the door. Registration deadline is January 10.