

November 21, 2021

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** Together let us “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 118:1 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Bret Fynaardt family Dale & Davona Fynaardt	Mark Van Wyngarden family Bernie & Nella Veenstra
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Jayme Veenstra; Huyser - Rita Veenstra; Le Mahieu - Lynda Veenstra; Vander Wal - Betty Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Sandy Vander Hart	Tim Franje Glen Fynaardt
Nursery Attendants	<b>a.m.</b> Michele De Boer, Kora Kruid <b>p.m.</b> Ruth De Bruin, Lily Lefevre	<b>a.m.</b> Amber Fynaardt, Greta Vos <b>p.m.</b> Kathy Franje, Ben Van Wyngarden
Nursery Attendants Thanksgiving Day		Deb Bruxvoort, Dan De Bruin
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Gideons <b>p.m.</b> Hope Ministries	<b>a.m.</b> ReFrame Ministries <b>p.m.</b> Christian Education Fund
Offering Thanksgiving Day		Envelopes

### TODAY

We welcome Pastor Brad Bierma as he leads our morning worship service. We also have the privilege to witness the baptism of **Caleb John Den Oudsten**, son of Pastor George and Richarla Den Oudsten. May God continue to protect and guide you all your lives for the honor of His name.

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 class meets in the church basement; classes for grades K-8 meet in the school; high school class meets in the youth building. Visitors are welcome! Offering: Siem Reap Children of Promise Orphanage (Cambodia)

**Choir** will practice this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. to prepare for our Thanksgiving worship service. Please join us!

**Home Builders** will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 14)

### CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
Thursday 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

### NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Pastor George will be preaching an Advent series from the Psalms on the theme of “Longing.” In the morning we will look at **Psalm 25**, “Longing for Relief”.

In the evening, **Joel Huyser** will lead our worship service while Pastor George uses his last pulpit relief service for this year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program information for families with 6th-12th grade students is in your **church mailbox** today.

Please check for accuracy and make additions or corrections by November 22 to the **birthday/anniversary calendars** and the **church directory**. Corrections should be made to the lists on the west basement table.

Our annual **congregational meeting** will be held on Monday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. Items included on the agenda are:

- Voting for two elders from the following nominees: Terry Fopma, Mark Franje, Doug Vande Voort, and Jim Warden (retiring: Ernie Roose, Lawrence Roose).
- Voting for one deacon from the following nominees: Carl De Jong and Ken Vander Linden (retiring: Calvin Bandstra).
- Approval of the proposed 2022 budget
- Approval of a Sound-Technology proposal

Absentee ballots are available from President Frank Reitsma and may be returned to any Council member or presented at the meeting. Absentee ballots will be used on the first vote only. All voting will be done by ballot, and the meeting will not be live streamed. Your participation is appreciated.

Our **Thanksgiving Day service** will be Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Let's come together to give thanks to God for all His goodness to us. We will meditate on Psalm 145, "You Open Your Hand." Our offering will be given for a variety of causes by means of our Thanksgiving envelopes. Please pick up envelopes for your family today. Children are also encouraged to participate. All undesignated checks and cash will go toward the Benevolent Fund.

FROM THE ISSUE AWARENESS COMMITTEE: **Bethany Christian Services** is listed on our Thanksgiving offering envelopes. As reported in the June 2021 *Banner*, Bethany changed its policy to now offer its services, including foster placement and adoption of children, to same-sex couples. The Council of Delegates voted to recommend that Synod remove Bethany from the list of organizations recommended for church offerings.

**YOUTH GROUP-SENIOR SAINTS NIGHT:** All who are 65 and older (along with your spouse) are invited to a night of food, fun, and fellowship on Wednesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m., in the church basement. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet in the basement or contact Spencer or Maria Fynaardt by Monday, November 29. Please contact Spencer or Maria if you need help with transportation.

Beginning in January, we would like to have a **Secret Sister for each one of our GEMS girls**. We are looking for adult women of the church, young and old, who are willing to participate for the months of January, February, and March. Your involvement would include a written note of encouragement or "thinking of you" (hopefully twice a month as it is only three months) and a commitment to pray for your GEMS girl on a regular basis. In April, Lord willing, we will have a GEMS and Gals night when you will reveal yourself and meet your GEMS girl. Please contact a GEMS leader if you are interested (Richarla Den Oudsten, Pam Klyn, Marla Van Der Hart, Nicki Veenstra).

## CHURCH FAMILY

We give thanks to God with **Carrol Bandstra** on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 23 and with **Ken De Jong** on the occasion of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 25.

"Thank you for your get well cards and prayers in the past few months and for your birthday cards for my recent birthday." ~ **Eugene De Jong**

## SCHOOL NOTES

As is tradition, the **PCHS Music Department** is selling **poinsettias** for this holiday season. Order forms are available from any PCHS band or choir student, in the school office, and on the school website. Two colors are available (red and white) at a cost of \$13.50 per plant. Orders must be placed by Tuesday, November 23, and picked up on Tuesday, November 30, 2:00-5:00 p.m., in the music room at PCHS.

The **Pella Christian High School Annual Financial Drive** is currently underway with a goal of \$80,000 to support the general fund of the school. A letter of explanation was in your church mailbox last week. Donations may be sent directly to the school office (300 Eagle Lane) using the self-addressed envelope enclosed with the letter. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of PCHS.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Resonate Global Mission** is hosting a **Zoom session** with leadership and missionaries (one of whom is Joel Huyser) on Wednesday, December 1, for one hour beginning at 1:00 p.m. (CST). This is your opportunity to hear from leadership and ask questions, as time allows, from the presenters. This session is open to anyone. Go to <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/ministry-amplified-united-states> to register and receive the Zoom link needed to connect on that day.

**GENEVA LECTURE SERIES:** Did you miss our fall lecture in person? Or do you want to experience it again for a second time? Great news! Visit YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MS6ZbX4mtJc>) and check out the uploaded lecture from October, "Forgotten Voices: Conversations with the Overlooked of Society". Listen to Saleem Ghubril as he discusses stories from his 30 years in Christian non-profit work in the city of Pittsburgh.