

November 28, 2021

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. “I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.” Psalm 9:1-2 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Mark Van Wyngarden family Bernie & Nella Veenstra	Glen & Sandy Fynaardt Dennis Veenstra family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Patty Veenstra; Huyser - Sherry Veldhuizen; Le Mahieu - Nicole Vos; Vander Wal - Jan Warden	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje Glen Fynaardt	Norman De Jong Mike Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Amber Fynaardt, Greta Vos p.m. Kathy Franje, Ben Van Wyngarden	a.m. Davona Fynaardt, Mack Veenstra p.m. Maria Fynaardt, Madi Veenstra
Offering	a.m. ReFrame Ministries p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Peoria Christian School General Fund p.m. Cary Christian Center

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 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)

We welcome **Joel Huyser** as he leads us in worship this evening. Pastor George is using his final pulpit relief service for this year.

A time of **prayer** will be held in the basement following the evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday 6:30 pm. Cadets Mother-Son Bowling at Dutch 200 Lanes (supper provided)
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Senior Saints Night
Thursday 2:00 p.m. God in the Life of Abraham Study at the Manor, Genesis 18:26

NEXT SUNDAY

In the morning, Pastor George will continue an Advent series from the Psalms on the theme of “Longing.” In the morning we will look at **Psalm 80**, “Longing to Return to the Garden”.

In the evening, we will continue a series of messages through the **Heidelberg Catechism**, looking at **Lord's Day 10**.

INTRODUCTION TO ADVENT

The great proclamation “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14) assures us that God has entered into human history through the incarnation of the Son. The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God’s actions – past, present, and future. In Advent, we hear the prophecies of the Messiah’s coming as addressed to us – people who wait for the second coming. In Advent, we heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of all Old Testament promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away. In this way, Advent highlights for us the larger story of God’s redemptive plan.

A deliberate tension must be built into our practice of the Advent season. Christ has come, and yet not all things have reached completion. While we remember Israel’s waiting and hoping and we give thanks for Christ’s birth, we also anticipate his second coming at the end of time. For this reason, Advent began as a penitential season, a time for discipline and intentional repentance in the confident expectation and hope of Christ’s coming again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At our **congregational meeting** Mark Franje and Jim Warden were selected as elders, and Ken Vander Linden was selected as deacon. The 2022 budget was approved as proposed. The Sound-Technology proposal was also approved.

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.

Everyone is welcome to the **Bible study with Al Bandstra** on Thursday, December 2, 2:00 p.m., in the basement of the Pella Manor. We will enjoy a special Christmas coffeetime together.

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).

The book ***When Faith Is Forbidden: 40 Days on the Frontlines with Persecuted Christians*** is available for checkout from the church library. Instructions for self-checkout are posted in the library, or ask Helen De Jong for help.

DECEMBER USHERS:

East Door a.m.: Harlan De Boer, Dan De Bruin, Tim Kruid
 p.m.: Tim Franje, Leon Veldhuizen
West Door a.m.: Dale Rozendaal; p.m.: Mike Vander Hart
Elevator a.m.: Gary Jochems; p.m.: Glen Fynaardt
Substitute a.m.: Adam Fynaardt; p.m.: Carl De Jong

CHURCH FAMILY

Ken De Jong was taken to the hospital Friday night due to his heart being out of rhythm. The doctors have been unable to get it back into rhythm. Please pray for Ken, Arene, and their family. "God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

“Thank you for the cards, gifts, meals, prayers, and encouragement the last two months! We are thankful to have Caleb and Richarla home for three weeks now!” ~ **Pastor George, Richarla, and family**

SCHOOL NOTES

Peoria Christian School students are currently selling **Butter Braids** and **Cookie Dough!** Orders may be placed by contacting any Peoria Christian student, visiting the school office, or by clicking on the link on the Peoria Christian Facebook page. Orders are due by Friday, December 10, at 3:30 p.m. Orders must be picked up at the school when they arrive on Friday, December 17, at 3:15 p.m. Thank you for your support of Peoria Christian School!

Lord willing, **Peoria Christian School** will hold their annual band and choir **Christmas Concert** at Peoria CRC on Friday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. Pre-K through 8th grade students will present the program “The Promise of Christmas” along with several instrumental numbers by students in 5th-8th grade. Refreshments will be served in the school gym after the program. We look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with you.

The **Pella Christian High School Junior Class** will hold their annual **soup fundraiser**. Orders for chili soup, chicken & rice soup, cheeseburger chowder, and chocolate chip cookies will be received through December 8 and will be ready for pick up on December 18. You may order by contacting Rochelle McClellan (515-205-8353; mccllellanr@pceagles.org). Thanks for supporting the class of 2023!

The **Pella Christian High School Annual Financial Drive** is currently underway. If you have not yet responded, please consider prayerfully how you may help to provide Christ-centered learning for our covenant young people.

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.