

December 12, 2021

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved." Psalm 80:19 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Grant Fynaardt family Jayme Veenstra family	Marge Fynaardt & Marshall Fynaardt Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Bob Bruxvoort; Huyser - Michele De Boer; Le Mahieu - Jim De Bruin; Vander Wal - Melody De Jong	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Sandy Fynaardt	Tim Franje Frank Reitsma
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Erin Fynaardt, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Jocelyn Veenstra	a.m. Kelli Kruid, Quinten Veenstra p.m. Amber Fynaardt, Carm Reitsma
Offering	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Pella Community Food Shelf	a.m. PCRC Multi-Media Equipment p.m. 818 Forward With Faith

TODAY

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

Pre-K through 4th grade Church School students will meet briefly in front of the sanctuary following the morning worship service to practice Christmas program songs.

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)

Men, please join us at 5:00 p.m. for a short practice. Then **Men's Group** will provide the offertory music during the evening service today.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 6:30 pm. Cadets Christmas Caroling (meet at gym)
7:00 p.m. GEMS Christmas Party
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Fun Night
Saturday 9:00 a.m. Christmas Candlelight Program Practice

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 126**, "Longing for the Harvest".

Choir will practice at 5:00 p.m. to prepare for Christmas Day. Please plan to join us!

At 6:00 p.m., the Church School and Youth Group students will present a **program / candlelight service** "This Is Christmas". A time of fellowship and refreshments will be held in the gym following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights of the December Council meeting and various newsletters are available in your **church mailbox** today.

Christmas Candlelight Program Practice will be held on Saturday, December 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

REMINDER: Each family with children in the program are asked to bring 2 dozen bars/cookies for the coffee time following the program. These may be brought Saturday or Sunday morning and placed in the church kitchen.

The **deacons** will **close the books** on December 27. Any budget envelopes received after that date will be recorded as 2022 receipts. The deacons thank you for prayerfully remembering the needs of our church in your giving.

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

"Brothers and sisters in Peoria, Thank you so much for your recent gifts to Resonate Global Mission in support of our work in Zambia. You are a tremendous blessing. The harvest in Africa is plentiful, but biblically-rooted, theologically-trained laborers are few. Thank you for your support of our work to train workers for God's harvest field here. We appreciate your gifts – and especially your prayers! – for our work and our family. God bless," ~ **Ryan & Jody Faber**

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian High School Music Department** invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium. The concert will present the message of Christmas in word and song. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

Support Christian education and receive a tax credit! The **Legacy of Grace Student Tuition Organization (STO)** supports families who desire a Christ-centered education and offers a 75% tax credit against your Iowa taxes. This means a \$1,000 donation reduces your taxes by \$750! You can also increase the 75% tax credit of your gift by donating stock, grain, and any Required Mandatory Distributions (RMDs) if you are at least 72 years of age. Learn more about the STO program or download the donation form on the Pella Christian High School website home page. Questions? Contact Mike Vermeer (641-780-8089).

Peoria Christian School is seeking a full-time 1st/2nd grade teacher. This position is available immediately. We are also seeking a 5th/6th grade teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Anyone interested in these positions should contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more details. Please continue to pray for the right individuals to come forward to fill these positions.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

A limited number of copies of **Breaking Barriers** are available in the bulletin racks. Help yourself, and please consider returning your copy for others to read.

You are invited to the annual **PEACE Homeschool Choral Concert** at First Church in Pella on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. Concert Chorale (ages 12-18) and Joyful Noise (ages 8-11) will perform. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the concert. Join us for this opportunity to glorify God during the Christmas season!