

December 19, 2021

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Marge Fynaardt & Marshall Fynaardt Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen	Russ & Myrna Fynaardt Randall Vos family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Norman De Jong; Huyser - George Den Oudsten; Le Mahieu - Bryce De Vries; Vander Wal - Nicole Fopma	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje Frank Reitsma	Carm Reitsma Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Kelli Kruid, Quinten Veenstra p.m. Amber Fynaardt, Carm Reitsma	a.m. Sandy Vander Hart, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Krystal Lefevre, Dan De Bruin
Nursery Attendants Christmas Day		Paige Roos, Alyson De Bruin
Offering	a.m. PCRC Multi-Media Equipment p.m. 818 Forward With Faith	a.m. Wycliffe Bible Translators p.m. Christian Education Fund
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 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 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". All children should meet in the church basement by 5:45 p.m. They will be seated as a group for the entire service. A time of fellowship and refreshments will be held in the gym following the service.

CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 pm. Elders' Meeting
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Cadets Christmas Caroling (meet at gym)
Saturday 9:30 a.m. Christmas Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY

Dan Van Kooten will lead our morning worship, and **Scott Roose** will lead our evening worship service while Pastor George uses his third week of vacation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Christmas worship service** will be held on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. The prelude will begin at 9:20. Pastor George will conclude our Advent series with Psalm 148, "He Has Raised Up for His People a Horn." Join us as we gather to celebrate the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor George will be on vacation December 26-January 1. Please contact the elders for any **pastoral care** needs during that time.

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

“I am overwhelmed by the love shown to me by my church family for my 80th birthday – for all the birthday cards, Christmas cards, letters, phone calls, and beautiful quilt; for the GEMS sweet treats, the Youth Group supper, a big box with devotion book from Bible Searchers. Thank you! May God bless you all.” ~ **Carol Fynaardt**

SCHOOL NOTES

Peoria Christian School thanks you for your continued support during 2021. Your words of encouragement, prayers, time, and financial gifts are greatly appreciated. Most of all, we thank our gracious Father for all the gifts that He has granted us. We are excited to see what blessings God has in store for us during 2022. Please stay up to date with what is going on at our school by following us on our Facebook page, and share with your family and friends the amazing ways that God is using Peoria Christian School (James 1:17).

If you have not yet responded to the **PCHS 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 can be dropped off or mailed to 300 Eagle Lane, Pella.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is working with our partners and other disaster organizations to plan a response to the devastating tornadoes that hit six states in the southern U.S. on Friday, December 11, 2021. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones and possessions. To volunteer with DRS in this and other responses, e-mail cgibson@worldrenew.net. To give online for the December 11 tornado response, click Donate at www.worldrenew.net, call 800-552-7972, or mail your check (made out to World Renew DRS with “Winter Tornadoes 2021” in the memo line) to: World Renew, 1700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.