

May 15, 2022

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised." Psalm 113:1-3 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Frank & Carm Reitsma Bernie & Nella Veenstra	Grant Fynaardt family Dennis Veenstra family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Nancy Terpstra; Huyser - Ruth Vander Hart; Le Mahieu - Matt Vander Hart; Vander Wal - Sandy Vander Hart	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Mike Vander Hart	Sandy Fynaardt Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Greta Vos p.m. Melissa Copenhaver, Ben Van Wyngarden	a.m. Le Ann Bouwkamp, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Deb Bruxvoort, Jocelyn Veenstra
Offering	a.m. ReFrame Ministries p.m. Wycliffe Bible Translators	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Rehoboth Christian School

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. Visitors are welcome! Offering: Siem Reap Children of Promise Orphanage (Cambodia)

A **fellowship dinner** will be held today beginning at noon in the gym. Visitors are welcome! Please join us for good food and fellowship as we honor and thank the Den Oudsten family for their years of service.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting

NEXT WEEK

In the morning Pastor George will preach on **John 21:15-25**.

In the evening, we will continue a series of messages through the **Heidelberg Catechism**, looking at **Lord's Day 49**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The final **Church School** classes for the current season will be held today. We thank all the teachers and helpers who have willingly served throughout the year. Teachers and helpers are asked to meet briefly in Room 2 immediately after the morning worship service next week. This would also be a good time to return all materials.

Classis Central Plains will meet on Thursday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., at Oskaloosa Bethel CRC. Our delegates are Pastor George, Elder Bernie Veenstra, and Deacon Bret Fynaardt.

Please submit announcements for the **May 22 bulletin** by Wednesday, May 18. Thank you!

The congregation and community are invited to a service of remembrance on **Memorial Day**, May 30, at 9:00 a.m. at the Peoria Cemetery. The speaker will be retired Air Force commander Rob Bandstra, with special music by a local barbershop chorus. Cinnamon rolls, orange juice, and coffee will be served following the service. In case of inclement weather, the location will be moved to the Peoria Gym. Bring your lawn chairs and plan to attend!

The **Peoria Youth Group** is looking for a few people to "phase into" a leadership role by the 2023-2024 season. If you are interested in leading the young people of our congregation, please contact one of the elders.

CHURCH FAMILY

We give thanks to God with **John Veenstra** on the occasion of his 80th birthday today.

We extend our sympathy to:

- the family and loved ones of **Thressa Deur**, who was translated to Glory early Friday morning.
- **Geneva Rozenboom** and other relatives and loved ones in the death of Geneva's brother-in-law Marv Rozenboom.

May God provide His comfort and peace through the gospel hope we have in Jesus Christ.

We congratulate all those who have received degrees or are **graduating** this year: Home School 8th Grade - Kora Kruid; Pella Christian Grade School - Ben Van Wyngarden; Peoria Christian School - Mack Veenstra, Madi Veenstra; Pella Christian High School - Andrew Veenstra; Northwestern College - Morgan Veach. If you know of a graduate whose name has been omitted, please inform Kathy Franje for inclusion in next week's bulletin.

SCHOOL NOTES

The annual instrumental **PCHS Pops Concert** will be held on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. The band will be performing songs with a summer theme, including, "A Bug's Life," "Firework," "Fireflies," and "Summertime." This is a great event for multiple generations and the whole family. Free popcorn and ice cream sundaes will be served!!

PEORIA CHRISTIAN 8TH GRADE GRADUATION: Join us on Thursday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., at Peoria CRC as we celebrate our graduating 8th grade students. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Bob Johnson. Everyone is invited as we celebrate what God has done through the lives of these students!

The 82nd annual **commencement exercises for the Pella Christian High School** seniors will be held Saturday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS gymnasium. Dr. Matthew Gritters will deliver the commencement address, and Caleb Belzer is the senior class representative.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Oskaloosa First CRC IGNITE Youth Group** will host their annual **Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast** on Monday, May 30, 7:00-10:00 a.m. They will serve pancakes, (also gluten-free pancakes), cinnamon rolls, sausage, fresh fruit cups, and drinks. The freewill offering will be used for the IGNITE Serve Project in Princeton, KY, June 5-11. See you there!!

All denominations and all generations are invited to join us for an evening of singing the great hymns of the faith at the sixth annual **Heartland Hymn Sing** on June 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at Pella Calvary CRC. A free will offering will be received. If you are unable to attend in person, please watch online at www.calvarypella.org.

Did you know there is **seminary tuition assistance** available from **Classis Central Plains** for members of our churches who are pursuing ordained ministry in the CRC? If you are a student pursuing or planning to pursue the M. Div. or another approved theological educational program toward ordination in the CRC and would like more information about classical tuition assistance, please contact Pastor Aaron Gunsaulus, the chair of the Classis Ministerial Leadership Team (CMLT) for Classis Central Plains (pastor.newtoncrc@gmail.com).

Next month the **CRCNA** will be gathering for **Synod**. Next month! It seems like it has been such a long time coming, and now it is almost here. Boldly approach the throne of grace on behalf of our denomination, our congregations, and our delegates – all for the magnification of God's glory and the proclamation of His truth.

Faith Practice Reflection Tip & Discussion Starter – the Practice of Prayer: Read Psalm 130 and ponder or discuss the following questions. At what times in your life have you felt that you were in "the depths"? Were you able to pray during those times? Why or why not? The psalmist seems to experience despair and hope simultaneously. What role does hope play in our prayers – and in other parts of our faith formation? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)