

OCTOBER 22, 2023
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Let All Things Now Living For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>O LORD, You Are My Light</i>	Gray 164
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
God's Will for Our Lives	Reading of the Law from the Psalms (Gray p. 1015)	
* Song of Response	<i>Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound</i>	Gray 462:1-3,5
Congregational Prayer	Jim Warden	
Offering Offertory	Luke Roose & Taylor Roose <i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>And Can It Be</i>	Gray 267:1,3,4
Scripture Confessions	John 3:1-15 (p. 1029) Belgic Confession Art. 21-23 (p. 836) Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 23 (p. 886)	
Sermon	Questions of the Faith (II): How Does a Person Come to Believe?	
Prayer of Application		
* Song of Dedication	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace</i>	Gray 495:1-3
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	Gray 632
* Postlude	<i>Rise Up, O Men of God</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

OCTOBER 22, 2023
6:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* **Gray 475**

* Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 1 (in unison, Gray p. 861)

Responsive Reading Psalm 19 (p. 536)

* Song of Response *LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name* **Gray 8**

Evening Prayer

Offering Safe Water International Ministry

* Song of Preparation *This Is My Father's World* **Gray 436**

Scripture Psalm 8 (p. 530)

Sermon **Humanity and Creation**

Prayer

* Song of Dedication *How Great Thou Art* **Gray 483**

* Benediction

* Doxology *Praise God, You Angel Hosts Above* **Gray 628**

* Postlude

* *Please stand, if able*

October 22, 2023

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship. "May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us." Psalm 67:5-6 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Ernie & Esther Roose Randall Vos family	Bob & Deb Bruxvoort Jim & Jan Warden
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Sherry Veldhuizen; Ippel - Nicole Vos; Mark & JinHee - Jan Warden; Vander Wal - Carolyn Bandstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Glen Fynaardt Frank Reitsma	Kathy Franje Sarah Vande Voort
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Maria Fynaardt, Greta Vos p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Ben Van Wyngarden	a.m. Nicole Vos, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Carmen Reitsma, Madi Veenstra
Offering	a.m. Luke Roose & Taylor Roose p.m. Safe Water International Ministries	a.m. World Renew p.m. Calvin Theological Seminary

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Kevin Vryhof** as he leads our morning worship service.

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 and adult classes meet 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: Luke Roose and Taylor Roose (SE Asia)

The **choir** will practice at 5:00 p.m. TODAY for singing on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Please join us!

We welcome **Scott Roose** as he leads our evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS

NEXT WEEK

The **Pastor Search Committee** will meet at 8:15 a.m.

Pastor Kevin Vryhof will lead our morning worship, and **Alex Foley** will lead our evening worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please prayerfully consider the gifts God has given and how you can serve the church. The Council asks that 5th graders through adults fill out a 2024 **committee preference survey** (extras in the bulletin racks). Please return completed sheets to the boxes in the hallways TODAY.

Would you be willing to **organize/lead a Church School children's choir** in 2-4 songs at the Christmas Candlelight Service? Please contact Jim Warden.

CHURCH FAMILY

Kenneth De Jong was admitted to the Comfort House on Thursday. He is losing strength and sleeps most of the time. Please pray for God's grace and peace for Kenneth and his family.

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian** 2023-24 theatre season opens with Broadway's perfectly magical musical *Mary Poppins*. Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions, look for flying over the stage, kites over the audience, magical illusions, lots of energetic choreography including tap dancing, and a creative stage set that rotates. Popular musical numbers include "Chim Chim Cher-ee," "Spoonful of Sugar," and "Step in Time." The family-friendly performance will be directed by Marlo Van Peurseem with assistance from Aaron Fitzgerald (music), Paulina Loaiza (choreography), and Daryl Van Zee (Tech). Production dates are October 26, 27, and 28, 2023, with reserved tickets available for purchase on-line. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students (\$2 more at the door). All sales are final.

Peoria Christian School is hosting a **Veterans Day Lunch and Assembly** on Tuesday, November 7. If you are a veteran or know someone who is, please plan to join us. We would love to honor you on this special day with a meal and short program. Please RSVP to the office (office@peoriachr.org) by Friday, October 27, with the number attending. Lord willing, we hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome to attend, but please RSVP.

The **Peoria Christian School Bazaar and Auction** will be held on Friday, November 10, 2023, at the Peoria Christian School Gym. This year is a Hawaiian theme, "Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!" (Psalm 93:4) Put on your Hawaiian shirt and join us for a fun-filled evening! Bake Sale/Browse-n-Buy will be 3:00-6:30 p.m.; Coffee Time 3:00-4:30; Supper 5:00-6:30; Childcare beginning at 6:45; and the Live Auction at 7:00. Follow Peoria Christian Bazaar on Facebook for more information and to see items that will be auctioned. Thank you for supporting Peoria Christian School!

Your delicious baked goods and confections are needed for the **bake sale** at the annual **Peoria Christian School Bazaar** on November 10. Cookies, bars, pies, bread, rolls, cupcakes, fudge, Christmas cookies and candy, jelly, jam, home canned fruit, vegetables, salsa, etc., are all welcome! Your items must be in the gym by noon on November 10. Please label your items. Styrofoam trays, bags, and labels will be available at school and in the church basement. Questions? Please contact Clarice Meinders (641-780-0126; glennmeinders@iowatelecom.net).

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED: Peoria Christian School is in urgent need of individuals who can drive our van route after school. No special qualifications or training are needed to drive the van, and compensation is provided. If you are able to assist one or more days a week in the afternoon, please contact Mr. Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org).

PEACE Homeschool group invites you to shop local at **A Touch of Home Handcrafted Goods and Used Curriculum Sale** on Friday, November 3, 2:00-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, November 4, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at Liberty Evangelical Free Church in Pella. Our homeschool community and friends are putting on our first ever vendor fair. It will feature established small businesses as well as up and coming small businesses and some student made items. For more details, check out our Facebook event page or contact Jentri Van Wyngarden (641-780-2191; al.jen2010@gmail.com). Items for sale include freeze dried candy, handcrafted jewelry and wall art, crocheted items, hand sewn aprons and clothing, bakery items, beeswax candles, 3-D printed toys, and much more.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to a **Reformation Day Service** at Covenant Reformed Church in Pella on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow. Please plan to join us.

The **IGNITE Youth Group of Oskaloosa First CRC** invites you to their annual **Dad's Belgian Waffle Supper Fundraiser** (free will donation). Join us on November 1, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for delicious all-you-can-eat waffles, sausages, and beverages. Gluten-free options are available upon request. Carry out is also available. Proceeds will go toward the 2024 Summer Missions Trip. We appreciate your support!

You are invited to hear about the work of the **Association for a More Just Society** as they seek to answer God's call by doing justice for Honduras' most vulnerable people. Co-founders Kurt Ver Beek and Jo Ann Van Engen will share the exciting work of ASJ as it helps to get children into school, medicines into hospitals, and safety into neighborhoods. Join us on Friday, November 3, 6:00-8:30 p.m., at Grace Fellowship Church in Pella. Contact alison@asj-us.org for ticket information, or call 800-897-1135. Please RSVP by October 27.

Come and support the **Leighton Youth Group** at their **soup supper** on Wednesday, November 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m., in the Leighton CRC basement. A variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts will be served – something for everyone! We hope to see you there!