

NOVEMBER 5, 2023
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>God Himself Is with Us</i>	Gray 244
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
God's Will for Our Lives	Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 73)	
* Song of Response	<i>Oh, for a Closer Walk with God</i>	Gray 551
Congregational Prayer	Henry Vande Voort	
Offering Offertory	Voice of the Martyrs <i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>God Works His Purposes in Us</i>	Gray 563
Scripture	2 Peter 1:1-11 (p. 1180)	
Confessions	Belgic Confession Art. 24 (p. 840) Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 88-90 (p. 902)	
Sermon	Questions of the Faith (IV): How Does a Christian Become More Like Jesus?	
Prayer of Application		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	Gray 264
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	Gray 632
* Postlude	<i>More Like the Master</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

NOVEMBER 5, 2023
4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace Beams of Heaven Great Is Thy Faithfulness I Serve a Risen Savior</i>	Gray 495:1,3,4 Gray 577 Gray 556 Gray 405
Call to Worship	Psalm 99:1-3 (p. 585)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>The LORD God Reigns in Majesty</i>	Gray 99 (alternate tune Gray 378)
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering	Christian Education Fund	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth</i>	Gray 276
Scripture	Judges 6:1-32 (p. 237)	
Sermon	Covenant Reformation and Renewal 1.Reformation comes to the undeserving. 2.Reformation begins with God's call to repentance. 3.The essence of reformation is restored fellowship and communion. 4.The foundation of reformation is the defeat of the enemy and atonement for sin.	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>I Will Sing of My Redeemer</i>	Gray 479
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Father, We Love You</i>	Gray 634
* Postlude		

* Please stand, if able

November 5, 2023

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. Today, on **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**, we remember that every day Christians around the world are being persecuted for their faith. We join the worldwide Church in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution, their oppressors, the nations they live in, those who ignore the persecution, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones because of their faithfulness to Jesus. "You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry." Psalm 10:17 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Daryl & Le Ann Bouwkamp Frank & Carm Reitsma	Carl & Melody De Jong Lawrence & Helen Roose
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Melody De Jong; Ippel - Bryce De Vries; Mark & JinHee - Norman De Jong; Vander Wal - Nicole Fopma	
Morning Prayer Team	Linda Franje Sandy Fynaardt	Mark Franje Mike Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Paige Roos, Mack Veenstra p.m. Sandy Vander Hart, Jocelyn Veenstra	a.m. Pam Vander Linden, Quinten Veenstra p.m. Angie Vander Molen, Brady Van Wyngarden
Offering	a.m. Voice of the Martyrs p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Missionary Support p.m. ReFrame Ministries

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)

We welcome **Pastor Ralph Pontier** as he leads our evening worship service.

Choir will practice our Thanksgiving selection following the evening worship service.

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 3)

CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Lesson 9: Mary Magdalene (Days 2 & 3)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets Game Night
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Service Night
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study at Daryl Bouwkamp's home

NEXT WEEK

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

Pastor Ralph Pontier will lead our worship services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On November 12 we will have our second **offering for the support of our missionaries**. Approximately \$5,100 is needed to fulfill our budgeted obligation of \$13,200. Please prayerfully consider this giving opportunity to help support those who serve the church in other countries.

Second quarter **Church School classes** will begin on November 12. Materials for teachers, helpers, and substitutes are available from your church mailbox or the west basement table. Please return materials from the current quarter to Doug and Barb Vande Voort.

The **Peoria GEMS** are planning for a service project at the **Pella Community Food Shelf** on November 29. We are inviting the congregation to partner with us by sharing non-perishables that we can deliver on our service night. Boxes will be provided near the sanctuary doors next Sunday for your donations. Please contact Pam Klyn with questions. Thanks you!

Plan to join us for a **fellowship dinner** next Sunday, November 12, beginning at noon in the gym. Bring hot and cold dishes according to the needs of your family. Beverages will be provided. Also, a table will be available for any church history memorabilia that anyone would like to share for viewing.

Our **congregational meeting** will be held on Monday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. Nominations for elder are Terry Fopma, Dale Fynaardt, Mike Vander Hart, and Wynne Veenstra; retiring elder is Bernie Veenstra. Nominations for deacon are Matt Vander Hart, Byron Vander Molen, and Jayme Veenstra; retiring deacons are Bret Fynaardt and Andrew Vander Hart.

OCTOBER RECEIPTS:

Resonate Global Mission	\$935.00	Luke Roose & Taylor Roose	\$2,873.00
Christian Education Fund	446.00	Safe Water Int'l Ministries	1,103.00
CRCNA Faith Formation	567.00	World Renew Disaster Response	2,338.25
Pella Pro-Life	629.00	Calvin Theological Seminary	550.00
Christian Education Fund	577.00	Church School	51.14
Benevolent Fund	1,268.00	Building Fund	1,370.00
New Sharon CARE Food Pantry	837.07	General Fund	14,899.76

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2023 General Fund budget obligation:	\$15,625.33
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2023 General Fund budget obligation:	\$156,253.33
Year-to-date 2023 General Fund budget receipts:	\$131,596.02

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Nov 12 a.m. Missionary Support	p.m. ReFrame Ministries
Nov 19 a.m. Christian Education Fund	p.m. Chaplaincy and Care Ministry
Nov 23 a.m. Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes (undesignated for Benevolent Fund)	
Nov 26 a.m. Luke Society	p.m. Ecumenical Cupboard
Dec 3 a.m. Peoria Chr. Sch. General Fund	p.m. Christian Education Fund

NOVEMBER USHERS:

East Door	a.m.: Terry Fopma, Adam Fynaardt, Andrew Veenstra	p.m.: Tim Franje, Leon Veldhuizen
West Door	a.m.: Dale Rozendaal; p.m.: Matt Vander Hart	
Elevator	a.m.: Gary Jochems; p.m.: Norman De Jong	
Substitute	a.m.: Harlan De Boer; p.m.: Daryl Bouwkamp	

CHURCH FAMILY

We praise God that **Keith Van Ee's** MRI taken at Mayo last week showed improvement! Please pray that Keith's brain injury will continue to heal and the cancer will be completely eliminated.

SCHOOL NOTES

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!

- 3:00-6:30 p.m. ~ Bake Sale/Browse-n-Buy
- 3:00-4:30 p.m. ~ Coffee Time
- 5:00-6:30 p.m. ~ Supper
- 6:45 p.m. ~ Childcare begins
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Live Auction

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).

The **Peoria Christian School Bazaar Supper** will be served on Friday, November 10, and will include Roast Beef, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, and Dessert for a freewill donation. "To Go Meals" will be available from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Please contact Suzy Veenstra (780-8856) by noon on November 10 to place an order for meals to go.

Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up for the **Peoria Christian School Bazaar Supper** on November 10. Please sign up on the east basement table for a shift that works for you. Contact Suzy Veenstra with questions.

Deck the halls and support the **PCHS Music Department** with our annual **poinsettia sale fundraiser**. Orders can be placed with any PCHS band or choir student or at the PCHS school office. Two colors are available (red and white) at a cost of \$15 per plant. Orders must be placed by Monday, November 20, and picked up on Tuesday, November 28, 2:30-5:00 p.m., in the PCHS music room.

It is time for the **Pella Christian High School Annual Fall Drive**. The purpose of this drive is to support the general fund of the school, with a goal of \$80,000. Would you please prayerfully consider a gift to support our mission to 'educate and nurture each student to serve in God's world'? A letter and self addressed return envelope is available in your church mailbox. School alumni may also receive a letter mailed directly to your home. Thank you in advance for your faithful support of the mission of Pella Christian High School!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: A grateful heart overflows in generosity. How might your gratitude for God's good gifts overflow to bless your neighbor? If you're grateful for the gift of good food, for example, how might that spur you on to help make sure your community is fed? If you're grateful for your family, how might you extend a sense of love and belonging to others? Learn more at www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31-June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, will host this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima (616-328-3110; weimje@calvinseminary.edu).