

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**  
**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude	<i>I Was Glad</i> (Psalm 122)	
Opening Prayer		
* Call to Worship	<i>I Will Sing of the Mercies of the LORD</i>	<b>Gray 169</b>
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Give Thanks to God, for Good Is He</i>	<b>Gray 182</b>
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
God's Will for Our Lives	1 John 4:7-16, 19-21 (p. 1185)	
* Song of Response	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace</i>	<b>Gray 495</b>
Moment in Missions	Cambodia Orphanage Update	
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Christian Education Fund <i>Father, We Give You Thanks, Who Planted</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	<b>Gray 556</b> (refrain after stanzas 1 & 3)
Scripture	John 10:27-29 (p. 1040) 2 Timothy 1:1-12 (p. 1155)	
Confession	Canons of Dort, Fifth Point, Art. 1-15 (p. 943)	
Sermon	<b>Questions of the Faith (V): Is Perseverance of the Saints Possible?</b>	
Prayer of Application		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	<b>Gray 544</b>
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	<b>Gray 638</b>
* Postlude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	
* <i>Please stand, if able</i>		

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**  
**4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Song Service	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> <i>Lift High the Cross</i> <i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	<b>Blue 45</b> <b>Blue 450</b> <b>Blue 676</b>
Call to Worship	Psalm 136:1-3, 26 (p. 608)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Give Thanks to God, for Good Is He</i>	<b>Gray 182</b>
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Chaplaincy Care and Ministry <i>In Christ Alone</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Holy Spirit, Mighty God</i>	<b>Gray 278</b>
Scripture	Judges 7:9-8:17 (p. 239)	
Sermon	<b>The Battle Is the LORD's</b> 1. God reassures his servants of the final outcome. 2. God gives the battle plan. 3. Not all are united in the service of God's anointed servant.	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Soldiers of Christ, Arise</i>	<b>Gray 570</b> (alternate tune Gray 48)
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Father, We Love You</i>	<b>Gray 634</b>
* Postlude	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	

\* Please stand, if able

November 19, 2023

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** “Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalm 100 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Jeremy Copenhaver family Mary Roose & Nancy Terpstra	Harlan De Boer family Ken & Pam Vander Linden
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Dale Fynaardt; Ippel - Dona Fynaardt; Mark & JinHee - Sandy Fynaardt; Vander Wal - Grant Fynaardt	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje Frank Reitsma	Carm Reitsma Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	<b>a.m.</b> Nicki Veenstra, Taylor Klyn <b>p.m.</b> Angie Vander Molen, Gerrit Vos	<b>a.m.</b> Michele De Boer, Greta Vos <b>p.m.</b> Melissa Copenhaver, Alyson De Bruin
Nursery Thanksgiving Day		Le Ann Bouwkamp, Marleigh De Boer
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Christian Education Fund <b>p.m.</b> Chaplaincy and Care Ministry	<b>a.m.</b> Luke Society <b>p.m.</b> Ecumenical Cupboard
Offering Thanksgiving Day		Envelopes

### 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 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: Luke Roose and Taylor Roose (SE Asia)

During the **Adult Sunday School** time, Rev. Kevin Vryhof, Brad Van Kooten, and Rev. Joseph Zarway and his wife Rachel will present about a Liberia and Ivory Coast ministry they help lead on behalf of Crossroads Fellowship CRC. The ministry includes rebuilding churches, pastor training, farm plots for each church, and providing for some food and medical needs. Come and hear how God has been working through this ministry. We will meet in the sanctuary following the morning worship service.

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

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

**Home Builders** will meet in the basement at 6:30 p.m. (Lesson 5)

### CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Lesson 9: Mary Magdalene (Days 4 & 5)  
Thursday 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service (prelude at 9:20 a.m.)

### NEXT WEEK

**Jared Luttjeboer** will bring God's Word in the morning. **Dr. Terry Kleven** will lead our evening worship service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check for accuracy and make additions or corrections by November 20 to the **birthday/anniversary calendars** and the **church directory**. Corrections should be made to the lists on the west basement table.

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 to fill the seats of Larry Rozenboom and Bernie Veenstra. Nominations for deacon are Matt Vander Hart, Byron Vander Molen, and Jayme Veenstra; retiring deacons are Bret Fynaardt and Andrew Vander Hart. We will also consider the proposed 2024 budget. A proposed budget supplement is in your church mailbox today. Absentee ballots may be given to any Council member or presented at the meeting and will be used on the first vote only. Your participation is appreciated.

Our **Thanksgiving Day offering** will be given for a variety of causes by means of our Thanksgiving envelopes. Please pick up envelopes for your family today. Children are also encouraged to participate. All undesignated checks and cash will go toward the Benevolent Fund.

**Bethany Christian Services** is listed on our Thanksgiving envelopes. The following is presented for information: *The Council of Delegates of the Christian Reformed Church decided at its May 2021 meeting to recommend to Synod that it remove Bethany Christian Services from the list of benevolent organizations recommended for offerings from CRC congregations. The decision was a result of Bethany's new policy to open its services, including adoption and the placement of foster children, to same-sex couples across the United States.*

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 are provided near the sanctuary doors for your donations. Please contact Pam Klyn with questions.

The **Adult Church School class** will be taking a break until January. Lord willing, we will resume on January 14 with Genesis 2.

Have you visited our **new church website** this past week?! We encourage you to browse the site to locate some of the most popular features: bulletin, calendar, links to live stream and recorded worship services, schedules, request prayer form, etc. If you are a church member with an email address, you are already included on the prayer request email list. It is not necessary to sign up. Friends/family/acquaintances of Peoria CRC may request to be included in the email group by filling out an online request form, which is located on the Request Prayer page. Please contact a committee member if you have questions.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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.

**Peoria Christian School Circle** thanks all who helped make our **Annual Fall Bazaar** a HUGE success! We truly see God's faithfulness to us as He once again has used you to bless our school. The Lord is good; to Him alone be the glory! "Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!" Psalm 93:4

**Peoria Christian School** invites you to "The Christmas Story" as presented by our students on Friday, December 8, 7:00 p.m., at Peoria CRC. Using instruments and voices, our students will share the beautiful Christmas story and the joy of the Christmas season. Please join us for this evening of praise to our Savior.

The **Legacy of Grace Student Tuition Organization (LOG/STO)** is once again actively seeking donations. LOG-STO is in its 17th year of existence for the purpose of raising funds to provide tuition scholarships for eligible students to attend a Christian school. This year the state of Iowa has again given the LOG-STO an opportunity to raise \$552,935 with a 75% tax credit on all donations to this great cause. You can also increase the 75% benefit of your gift by donating stock, grain, and any possible Required Mandatory Distributions (RMDs) if you are at least 72 years of age. The donation form is available on the school website home page (scroll down to the LOG-STO box). Contact Mike Vermeer (780-8089) with questions.

#### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pella Pro-Life's Christmas Cookie Fundraiser** is back by popular demand!! Contact Kayla Nelson (641-660-6691; [pellaprolifeweb@gmail.com](mailto:pellaprolifeweb@gmail.com)) before December 5 if you are willing to bake cookies or volunteer to help on Thursday, December 7. We need plenty of help decorating and setting up, as well as people to box cookies! Contact Kayla with questions.

**Pella Pro-Life Christmas Cookies** will be available for purchase on Thursday, December 7, 12:00-5:30 p.m. (or until we run out!), at Ulrich Meat Market. Homemade Christmas cookies are \$15 for 3 dozen and are perfect to take to your Christmas events!

**World Renew** provided Community Development assistance in Honduras when 421 children in Honduras received antiparasitics and were dewormed, thanks to gifts like yours that helped provide training to mothers in proper health practices.

**THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP:** We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. Learn more at [www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject).