

JANUARY 7, 2024
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **Gray 253**

Ordination of Elders and Deacons (Gray p. 1004)

* Song of Response *The Church's One Foundation* **Gray 502**

Congregational Prayer Mark Franje

Offering Resonate Global Mission

* Song of Preparation *To the Hills I Lift My Eyes* **Gray 121**

Scripture Psalm 121 (p. 603)

Sermon **Guarded on the Way**

Prayer

Preparation for the Lord's Supper (Gray p. 983)

* Song of Dedication *Lead Me, Guide Me* **Gray 544**

* Benediction

* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Gray 638**

* Postlude

* *Please stand, if able*

JANUARY 7, 2024
4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Favorites Song Service	<i>We Shall Behold Him</i>	Blue 755
Call to Worship	Psalm 48:1-5 (p. 554)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Great Is the LORD Our God</i>	Gray 48
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering	Christian Education Fund	
Offertory	<i>O Lord Most Holy</i> (words in bulletin)	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Abide with Us, Our Savior</i>	Gray 565
Scripture	Judges 9:1-57 (p. 241)	
Sermon	The Doom of the Wicked Is Certain 1. The meaning of Jotham's parable 2. The fulfillment of Jotham's curse	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>When Evil People Sin</i>	Gray 37:1-3,6
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Father, We Love You</i>	Gray 634
* Postlude	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

January 7, 2024

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. On this first Lord's Day of a new year, we "Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods." Psalm 96:1-4 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Mark & Linda Franje Henry & Sarah Vande Voort	Elders
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Nella Veenstra; Ippel - Susan Veenstra; Mark & JinHee - Nicki Veenstra; Vander Wal - Joel Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Sandy Fynaardt	Sandy Vander Hart Sarah Vande Voort
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Nicole Vos, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Carmen Reitsma, Alyson D3 Bruin	a.m. Melissa Copenhaver, Nicki Veenstra p.m. Le Ann Bouwkamp, Greta Vos
Offering	a.m. Resonate Global Mission p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Joel & Jeannie Huyser Benevolent Fund (Communion) p.m. Zuni Christian School

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Tom Vos** as he leads our morning worship service. We will also install elders and deacons.

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)

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

Home Builders will meet in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. (Lesson 7)

CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Lesson 10: Sapphira (p. 232)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Devotions ~ Madi, Snack ~ Taylor
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study at Daryl Bouwkamp's home

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Ralph Pontier will lead our morning worship service. Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper**. This week let us evaluate our love for God and one another. Let us remember to pray for the Holy Spirit to show us our sin and then trust that our sins are forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Then, when we come to take of the Lord's Supper, it will be a celebration of our forgiveness and God's love in our lives.

Vespers communion will be provided at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room for those who are not able to participate in the morning celebration.

Alex Foley will lead our afternoon worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **2024 Peoria CRC anniversary/birthday calendars** are available on the east basement table. You are welcome to help yourself to one per household. Please consider returning your 2023 calendar to the box on the same table for recycling the paper and for reusing the comb binders next year.

Family visits scheduled for this week follow. All calls will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

- ▶ Jan 9, Franje & Vander Hart: Jim De Bruin, Bryce De Vries
- ▶ Jan 10, Fopma & Fynaardt: Norman De Jong, Lois Klyn
- ▶ Jan 11, Franje & Fynaardt: Carrol Bandstra, Frank Reitsma
- ▶ Jan 11, Vande Voort & Warden: Andrew Vander Hart, Doug Vande Voort

Thank you for taking time to reflect on Philippians 2:1-11. Topics for discussion may include one or more of the following questions:

- ▶ *At this time in your life, how do you see yourself as a servant of God?*
- ▶ *What do you believe the Scriptures mean by "true faith"?*
- ▶ *What have you heard in a recent sermon that stirred you to think more deeply or, perhaps, act upon?*

An **Adult Church School class** will resume next week, January 14, following the morning worship service. We plan to start by studying Genesis 2.

Please make additions or deletions to the **nursery attendant** sign-up sheet on the basement table by January 14. Nursery attendants must be in the 5th grade or older.

JANUARY USHERS:

East Door a.m.: Harlan De Boer, Dale Rozendaal, Andrew Veenstra
 p.m.: Tim Franje, Leon Veldhuizen
West Door a.m.: Ethan Klyn; p.m.: Daryl Bouwkamp
Elevator a.m.: Gary Jochems; p.m.: Norman De Jong
Substitute a.m.: Dennis Veenstra; p.m.: Adam Fynaardt

DECEMBER RECEIPTS:

Peoria Christian School General Fund . . .	\$1,374.00	World Renew	\$1,013.55
Christian Education Fund	453.00	Many Hands for Haiti	823.00
Pella Community Food Shelf	805.00	Bible League	658.00
818 Forward With Faith	1,087.00	Church School	92.40
Christian Education Fund	537.00	Building Fund	75.00
Peoria Youth Group	875.00	General Fund	27,627.62
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,399.55		

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:	\$187,504.00
Year-to-date 2023 General Fund budget receipts:	\$176,431.69

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Jan 14	a.m. Joel & Jeannie Huyser Benevolent Fund (Communion)	p.m. Zuni Christian School
Jan 21	a.m. Christian Education Fund	p.m. Geneva Campus Ministry
Jan 28	a.m. Pella Area Teams To Honduras (Byron Vander Molen)	p.m. Areopagus Campus Ministry
Feb 4	a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Christian Education Fund

SCHOOL NOTES

Pella Christian High School supporters are encouraged to uplift our students and staff through a **night of prayer at PCHS** on Thursday, January 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is a come and go event. Prayer requests will be written within classrooms to help guide the prayers of those that attend.

You are invited to **Sully Christian School's Food & Fun Night Fundraiser** on Saturday, January 27, at the Sully Christian School. Enjoy a pulled pork dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m., kid carnival games 5:00-6:30 p.m., a silent auction 4:30-7:00 p.m., and a live auction beginning at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

A **Special Meeting of the Pella Christian High School and Pella Christian Grade School Societies** will take place on February 27, 2024, to vote on a motion to merge the Pella Christian Grade School and Pella Christian High School Societies into one legal entity. No presentation will be given that night. Information about the proposal, voting ballots, and upcoming presentations can be obtained at either school office or found on the school's website at www.pceagles.org/merger/.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Crossroads Fellowship CRC: "Thank you, Peoria CRC!" for your generous gift of \$1,025 that we received in December for our **Liberia & Ivory Coast Ministry**. Kevin Vryhof, Brad Van Kooten, and Rev. Joseph & Rachel Zarway were pleased to present this ministry to you on November 19. The rebuilding of churches, establishing farms, and training pastors continues, and your gift will be a great help. Thank you again and God bless you in all your ministries!

The next **Abide Project Regional Gathering** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 6:00-9:30 p.m., at First CRC in Sheldon, Iowa. All those in agreement with the CRCNA's position on human sexuality (as confirmed by Synods 2022 & 2023), please join us in Sheldon for the evening. Dinner will be available starting at 5:00 p.m., followed by some guided discussion, encouragement, and prayer. Cost is \$10/person (paid at event check in). Please register each individual separately at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvz3BBVkj-zFlezAYjxHJ46YHQDeuP3fL7PN_caMvruERSyQ/vie/wform. There is a registration limit, so please sign up early. Registration deadline is end of day on Friday, January 12. Please contact abideprojectorg@gmail.com with any questions.

Promise Keepers is holding a "**Daring Faith Event**" on Saturday, January 20, 12:00 p.m., at New Life Fellowship Church (formerly United Methodist). Everyone is invited for the noon meal followed by highlights of the Daring Faith Event. A freewill offering will be received to defray meal expense.

PRAISEFEST ~ March 11-14, 2024: Gospel music lovers won't want to miss this event at the beautiful Mansion Theatre in Branson. Live performances include legendary artists and memorable sounds of The Collingsworth Family, Legacy Five, Booth Brothers, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Greater Vision, 4Him and more! A bus has been chartered, hotel rooms secured, and group tickets in the Gold Section are on hold so if you'd like to sit back and enjoy with us, please email Glenda.VanWoerkom@gmail.com or call 641-780-2637 for more information.

Ending conflict starts with building a solid foundation for peace and justice. **World Renew's** programming focuses on training skilled leaders, creating trauma healing groups, and encouraging strong community ties to prevent violence. When you give to this cause, you create lasting hope.



O LORD MOST HOLY (Evening Offertory)

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father grant us Thy truth and grace;

Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our wilful hearts,
Keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts'
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;

And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid, O send us; hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favour, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.