

NOVEMBER 17, 2024
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 89:1-2, 14-15 (p. 579)

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise *Forever I Will Sing of Your Great Love, O LORD* **Gray 89:1-3**

Call to Confession Psalm 32:3-5 (p. 543)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:1, 6-11 (p. 1093)

God's Will for Our Lives Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (p. 177)

* Song of Response *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* **Gray 465**

Congregational Prayer

Offering ReFrame Ministries

* Song of Preparation *Send Out Your Light and Your Truth* **Gray 165**

Scripture Judges 12:1-7 (p. 245)

Sermon

Ephraim's Pride

1. The history of Ephraim's pride
2. The consequences of Ephraim's pride
3. The seriousness of Ephraim's pride

Prayer

* Song of Dedication *Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart* **Gray 419**

* Benediction

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

* Postlude

* *Please stand, if able*

NOVEMBER 17, 2024
4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service	<i>This is My Father's World</i> <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> <i>Give Thanks</i> <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Blue 143 Blue 788 Blue 170 Blue 793
Call to Worship	Psalm 16 (p. 533)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Gray 502
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Resonate Global Mission <i>Blessed Jesus, at Your Word</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim</i>	Gray 477
Scripture	Mark 12:38-44 (p. 983) "And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes." (KJV)	
Sermon	Is Spirituality Showiness or Seriousness?	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Gray 253:1-3
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Gray 253:4
* Postlude	<i>More Love to Thee</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

November 17, 2024

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have moined us for worship today. "I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself." Psalm 89:1-2 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Tim & Kathy Franje Dennis & Donna Van Wyk	Dale & Davona Fynaardt Mark Van Wyngarden family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Dale Fynaardt; Ippel - Dona Fynaardt; Mark & JinHee - Sandy Fynaardt; Vander Wal - Grant Fynaardt	
Morning Prayer Team	Linda Franje Sandy Fynaardt	Kathy Franje Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Maria Fynaardt, Taylor Klyn p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Alyson De Bruin	a.m. Nicole Vos, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Carmen Reitsma, Greta Vos
Offering	a.m. ReFrame Ministries p.m. Resonate Global Mission	a.m. Abundant Life Centre p.m. 725 Ministries

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Ralph Pontier** 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. Cookies will be served in celebration of Nancy Terpstra's 80th birthday!

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 (SE Asia)

We welcome **Dr. Terry Kleven** as he leads our evening worship service.

Choir will practice a Thanksgiving selection after the evening service.

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 6:30 p.m. (Lesson 4)

CALENDAR

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Will Verhoef will lead our morning worship service.

Pastor Ralph Pontier will lead our evening worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please prayerfully consider the gifts God has given and how you can serve the church. The Council asks that you fill out a 2025 **committee preference survey**, which was available in your church mailbox last week for 5th graders through adults (extras in the bulletin racks). Please return completed sheets to the boxes in the hallways TODAY.

Please check for accuracy and make additions or corrections by November 25 to the **birthday/anniversary calendars** and the **church directory**. Corrections should be made to the lists on the west basement table.

OFFERINGS:

- **NOVEMBER 17 PM:** As reported in Missionary David Gifford's last newsletter (p. 2), **Resonate Global Mission's** ministry shares decrease each year, and this year they have declined sharply due to the departure of churches from the denomination in response to the decisions of Synod on human sexuality. Please prayerfully consider this need as you give toward the work of spreading the Gospel at home and abroad.
- **NOVEMBER 24 AM:** In October, Moses Njobvu spoke about his work with **Abundant Life Centre** in Malawi. The vision of Abundant Life Centre is to be a special home of hope, destiny, and joy while providing care, support, love, and hope to orphans, widows, and people living with HIV and AIDS in 82 villages. In addition to \$4,000 already pledged, we are hoping to raise enough funds for one orphanage home at an approximate cost of \$8,000. Learn more at <https://abundantlifecentermalawi.org/>.
- **NOVEMBER 24 PM: 725 Ministries** (based on Matthew 7:25) "runs into the storm" and "shows up" for higher risk teens, young adults, and children of any age in the Pella area. They consistently provide after-school snacks and summer lunches to 30-50 kids every Tuesday and Thursday, which gives an opportunity to connect and build relationships with many households that are often navigating stormy situations. Volunteers are available 24/7 to offer parent-like and pastoral-like practical care for teens and young adults who have layers of complex difficult life stories. 725 Ministries pays for formal counseling when that is needed. They are focused on showing up for, building relationships with, and navigating resources to teens, young adults, and children who find themselves on shaky ground amidst the messy storms of life so that they can unconditionally experience "bedrock" in emotional, physical, and spiritual ways. For more information, visit 725 Ministries on Facebook.

Our annual **congregational meeting** will be held on Monday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. Items included on the agenda are:

- Voting for two elders from the following nominees: Tim Franje, Dale Fynaardt, Frank Reitsma, Wynne Veenstra (retiring: Mark Franje, Jim Warden).
- Voting for one deacon from the following nominees: Spencer Fynaardt, Randall Vos (retiring: Ken Vander Linden).
- Approval of the proposed 2025 budget (available 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 Missionary Support.

The Building Committee continues to seek someone to fill the position of **church custodian**. Options may include:

- a family/individual for weekly cleaning and another family/individual to take care of Sunday duties; OR
- two families/individuals who may want to share the position.

If you have interest or questions, please contact Tim Franje.

CHURCH FAMILY

Geneva Rozenboom's pain level continues to increase. Please pray for relief from pain, for wisdom for doctors and nurses who are working to make her comfortable, for peace and comfort that only God can provide for Geneva and her family.

Doug Vande Voort had successful ankle replacement surgery on Thursday and has returned home. Thank you for your prayers, and please continue to pray for patience through the healing process.

We give thanks to God with **Nancy Terpstra** on the occasion of her 80th birthday on November 19.

We give thanks to God with **Carrol Bandstra** on his 83rd birthday on November 23. Cards may be sent to Bickford of Urbandale, 5915 Sutton Pl., Urbandale, IA 50322.

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian High School Golf Team** will hold a **Drive-Up Dinner** to raise funds for the spring golf season. The fundraiser will be on Tuesday, November 19, 5:00-6:30 p.m. The meal will be a drive-up, grab and go meal of lasagna, cheesy bread, Oreo fluff, and a Bonnie Cookie. Pull up to the east side of the high school, where the golf team will provide you with supper for the evening (no dine-in available). Freewill donation. Come out and support your 2025 Pella Christian Men's Golf team!

Deck the halls and support the **Pella Christian High School 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 \$20 per plant. Orders must be placed by Tuesday, November 19, and picked up on Tuesday, November 26, 2:30-5:00 p.m., in the music hallway at PCHS.

Peoria Christian School 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. What a blessing it is to work together to serve our great God at Peoria Christian School. The Lord is good – to Him alone be the glory!

Please join us at **Peoria Christian School** for **chapel** on Friday, November 22, 8:30 a.m., in the school gym. Our speaker is Mr. Alex Foley from First Church in Pella. Hope to see you there!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

RISE Ministries invites you to **RISE with Rob & Friends**, a night of hope through storytelling and music, coming to Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium on Friday, November 22 (doors open at 6:00 p.m.; event starts at 7:00 p.m.). Experience this intimate evening as singer-songwriters Patrick Mayberry, Micah Tyler, and Emerson Day take the stage together and share their music, the stories behind their songs, and more. Rob Roozeboom's message will encourage and challenge you. Tickets start at \$22 for adults; kids ten and under are \$10. Save \$2 per ticket when you buy four or more. Tickets are on sale at www.riseministries.com. Please join us for this incredible event!

Pella Pro-Life's Christmas Cookie Fundraiser is back by popular demand!! Contact Kayla Nelson (660-6691; pellaprolifeweb@gmail.com) by December 1 if you are willing to bake cookies or volunteer to help on Thursday, December 5. We need plenty of help decorating and setting up, as well as people to box cookies! Contact Kayla with questions. The cookies will be available for purchase on Thursday, December 12, 12:00-5:30 p.m. (or until we run out!) at Ulrich Meat Market. Cost is \$15 for 3 dozen homemade Christmas cookies, which are pre-boxed and are perfect to take to your Christmas events!