

NOVEMBER 24, 2024
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Now Thank We All Our God</i>	
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Gray 253
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
God's Will for Our Lives		
* Song of Response	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	Gray 264
Congregational Prayer		
* Song of Preparation	<i>We Give You But Your Own</i>	Gray 296
Offering Offertory	Abundant Life Centre <i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	
Scripture Text	Psalm 111 (p. 595) Psalm 111:9	
Sermon	Praise God	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise</i>	Gray 111
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Gray 638
* Postlude	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

NOVEMBER 24, 2024
5:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Bless the Lord Let All Things Now Living</i>	
Call to Worship	Psalm 147:1-3 (p. 613)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good</i>	Gray 187
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Reading	Psalm 138 (p. 609)	
* Song of Response	<i>With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring</i>	Gray 183
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	725 Ministries <i>Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the Morning</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer</i>	Gray 543
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	<i>Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart</i>	Gray 419
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Father, We Love You</i>	Gray 634
* Postlude	<i>The Song of the Redeemed</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

November 24, 2024

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unending love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:8-9 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Dale & Davona Fynaardt Mark Van Wyngarden family	Glen & Sandy Fynaardt Bernie & Nella Veenstra
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Marge Fynaardt; Ippel - Russ Fynaardt; Mark & JinHee - Spencer Fynaardt; Vander Wal - Gary Jochems	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Sandy Vander Hart	Carm Reitsma Sarah Vande Voort
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Nicole Vos, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Carmen Reitsma, Greta Vos	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Luke Fynaardt p.m. Pam Vander Linden, Mack Veenstra
Nursery Thanksgiving Day	Sandy Vander Hart, Hudson Fynaardt	
Offering	a.m. Abundant Life Centre p.m. 725 Ministries	a.m. Ligonier Ministries p.m. ThereforeGo Ministries
Offering Thanksgiving Day	Envelopes	

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Will Verhoef** 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 (SE Asia)

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

Choir will practice a Thanksgiving selection after the evening service. Please join us!

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
Thursday 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship

NEXT WEEK

Alex Foley will lead our morning worship service. **Pastor Ralph Pontier** will lead our evening worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 TODAY:

- **MORNING:** 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/>.

- **EVENING: 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.

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 service** will be Thursday, beginning at 9:20 a.m. with the prelude and worship at 9:30 a.m. Let's come together to give thanks to God for all His goodness to us! Worship will be led by Jared Luttjeboer. His message, "Joy and Thanksgiving in the Midst of Trials" will be taken from Habakkuk 3:17-19. Our 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.

DECEMBER USHERS:

East Door	a.m.: Ben Van Wyngarden, Dennis Veenstra, Mack Veenstra
	p.m.: Bret Fynaardt, Marshall Fynaardt
West Door	a.m.: Ethan Klyn; p.m.: Spencer Fynaardt
Elevator	a.m.: Gary Jochems; p.m.: Ernie Roose
Substitute	a.m.: Harlan De Boer; p.m.: Adam Fynaardt

CHURCH FAMILY

On Thursday **Geneva Rozenboom** was released from the pain and suffering of this life and taken to the joys of eternal life in heaven. We extend our sympathy to her family and loved ones and pray God will provide His comfort and peace through the gospel hope we have in Jesus Christ. Visitation with the family will be Monday, November 25, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home. The funeral will be Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., at Peoria CRC.

Keith Van Ee's cancer has progressed, and he has had a stroke in the last two weeks (unrelated to the cancer). This has affected his vision. Please pray for Keith and Sue and their family as they travel this new path.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: **Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen**, *****

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben & Krystal Lefevre thank all who supported their family's **book donation** to the 21st Century Packhorse Librarians and western North Carolina. There were 175 books collected, \$300 donated, and shipping was covered! The beautiful part about this donation was seeing God's handiwork. This group has never asked for money, but when they were contacted early last week, she was brought to tears because their funds were depleted and they needed to rent a U-Haul to get the donations to Swannanoa, as their previous arrangement didn't work out. God's plan is perfect.

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 12. 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!

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: This week try playing the alphabet game using the topic "Things I'm grateful for." Prayers can take many forms, and naming things A-Z is a great way to remember that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17, NIV). Visit Thrive at www.crcna.org/Thrive.



JESUS, JESUS, JESUS IN THE MORNING

(Evening Offertory)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.

Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him in the morning, thank Him in the noontime.
Thank Him, thank Him, thank him when the sun goes down.

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noontime.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him when the sun goes down.



THE SONG OF THE REDEEMED

(Evening Postlude)

Worthy are you, our Lord and our God!
Glory, honor, power belong to you,
Who was and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy, Mighty God!

Thanks be to God who gave to us
Victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Let us rejoice, the Lord our God reigns.
Halleluia! A-men! A-men! A-men!

How great and wonderful are your deeds.
Just and true, O God, are all your ways.
Who shall not fear and glorify you?
Nations all shall come and praise your name!

(arr. Dale Grotenhuis)
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