

DECEMBER 8, 2024
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>He Is Born In Quiet Joy</i>	
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>	Gray 331
Lighting of Advent Candle		
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
God's Will for Our Lives		
* Song of Response	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	Gray 329
Congregational Prayer	Mike Vander Hart	
Offering Offertory	Peoria Christian School General Fund <i>Away In a Manger</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	Gray 481
Scripture	Luke 1:5-25 (p. 990)	
Sermon	Gabriel Shows Up!	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come</i>	Gray 337
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, You Angel Hosts Above</i>	Gray 628
* Postlude	<i>How Great Our Joy</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

DECEMBER 8, 2024
5:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>	
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>O Worship the King</i>	Gray 428:1,2,3,5
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Reading	Psalm 139 (p. 609)	
* Song of Response	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	Blue 630
Evening Prayer	Terry Fopma	
Offering Offertory	Christian Education Fund <i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	Gray 288
Scripture Text	Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 73) Exodus 20:13	
Sermon	Old Laws for a New Life (#6)	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	Gray 544
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Father, We Love You</i>	Gray 634
* Postlude	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice Believers</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

December 8, 2024

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. On this second Sunday of Advent when we light the candle of peace, we pray “May the peace of Christ rule in [our] hearts, since as members of one body [we are] called to peace.” Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Grant Fynaardt family Dennis Veenstra family	Tim & Kathy Franje Jayme Veenstra family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Lawrence Roose; Ippel - Dale Rozendaal; Mark & JinHee - Mary Roose; Vander Wal - Andrew Vander Hart	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Tim Franje	Glen Fynaardt Frank Reitsma
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Lynda Veenstra, Madi Veenstra p.m. Jessica Van Wyngarden, Jocelyn Veenstra	a.m. Amber Fynaardt, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Le Ann Bouwkamp, Brady Van Wyngarden
Offering	a.m. Peoria Christian School General Fund p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Siem Reap Orphanage (Cambodia) p.m. Peoria Youth Group

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 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 (SE Asia)

PARENTS, please send your **PreK-2nd grade Church School students** to Room 2 following the morning worship service to practice for their part in the Christmas Candlelight service.

We welcome **Pastor Jamie Bogaard** 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. Council Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Lesson: 1 Peter 1 (church basement)
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.

At 5:00 p.m., the PreK-2nd Grade Church School and Youth Group students will participate in an evening **candlelight service**. **Pastor Jamie Bogaard** will bring the message. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the church basement following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE: The **basement fellowship hall furnace** needs to be replaced. Until then, doors to the nursery and kitchen are being left open to help with heat distribution.

CHURCH FAMILY

Vera Franje was admitted to the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa on Thursday for IV antibiotic treatment for pneumonia. She expects to be there a few days. Please pray for complete healing, for assurance that the Lord is with her, and that she may soon return to her home.

We extend our sympathy to **Jim and Jan Warden** and their family in the death of Jim's brother, David Warden. May God provide His comfort and peace.

Jim and Jan Warden thank the Lord for the safe arrival of Harris James Warden, born to Steven and Paige on December 3.

SCHOOL NOTES

Pella Christian Schools invites you to enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season at their upcoming **Christmas Programs**. As we celebrate the birth of a Savior, may we also live in anticipation of His second advent. Merry Christmas from the Pella Christian family to yours!

- Pella Christian Early Education Christmas Program, Thursday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Pella Christian High School Choir and Band Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.
- Preschool-5th Grade Spanish Immersion Christmas Program, Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

All concerts will be held at the Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: "Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel." This refrain from the beloved Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" calls us to rejoice – not because of our immediate circumstances but because of the promises we have in Jesus Christ. Ponder a few things that cause you to rejoice. Offer them up to God in gratitude. (www.crcna.org/Thrive)



PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

(Evening Prelude)

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

He bring God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.