

DECEMBER 15, 2024
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise *Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes* **Gray 335**

Lighting of Advent Candle

Confession of Faith *Nicene Creed* (sung by Pastor Will) **Gray 520**

* Song of Response *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **Gray 354**

Congregational Prayer

Offering Siem Reap Orphanage (Cambodia)

* Song of Preparation *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* **Gray 351**

Scripture Luke 1:26-38 (p. 991)

Sermon **The Angel Gabriel – Again!**

Prayer

* Song of Dedication *Song of Mary* **Gray 212**

* Benediction

* Doxology *Praise God, You Angel Hosts Above* **Gray 628**

* Postlude

* *Please stand, if able*

Peoria Christian Reformed Church Christmas Candlelight Service



December 15, 2024 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Prelude *In the First Light* Marshall Fynaardt
Jocelyn Veenstra

Welcome & Prayer Pastor Jamie Bogaard

* **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (Blue 245) Congregation

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

3 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high and order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

4 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

The Angels Sing
Away in a Manger Preschool-2nd Grade Students

Scripture Reading
Matthew 1:18-24 Ben Van Wyngarden

Meditation: "The Shepherd's Story" Pastor Jamie Bogaard

* **Go, Tell It on the Mountain** (Blue 258) Congregation

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold! Throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
- 3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

*** How Great our Joy!** (Blue 269)

Congregation

- 1 While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings bro't an angel bright.

How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! (2x)

- 2 There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.

- 4 This Gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

Scripture Reading
Luke 2:1-7

Moriah Hoksbergen

Meditation: "The Shepherd's Story"

Pastor Jamie Bogaard

*** Angels, from the Realms of Glory** (Blue 259)

Congregation

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.

- 2 Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing; yonder shines the Infant Light:

- 4 Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending in His temple shall appear:

*** O Little Town of Bethlehem** (Blue 250)

Congregation

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

- 2 For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to men on earth.

- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

Scripture Reading
Luke 2:8-20

Greta Vos
Trevor Veenstra
Rebecca De Haan

Meditation: "The Shepherd's Story"

Pastor Jamie Bogaard

*** Joy to the World** (Blue 270)

Congregation

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

- 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*** Good Christian Men, Rejoice** (Blue 273)

Congregation

Moment of Silence

Postlude

Highland Cathedral

Alyson De Bruin
Jocelyn Veenstra

* Please stand, if able

- 1 Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- 2 Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door and man is blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- 3 Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Following the service, everyone is invited to enjoy
refreshments in the church basement.

Offering

Peoria Youth Group

Offertory

Here with Us

Jocelyn Veenstra

Silent Night! Holy Night! (Blue 253)

Congregation

Lighting of Candles

- 1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!
- 4 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

December 15, 2024

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. On this third Sunday of Advent when we light the candle of joy, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Tim & Kathy Franje Jayme Veenstra family	Spencer Fynaardt family Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Mike Vander Hart; Ippel - Pam Vander Linden; Mark & JinHee - Carla Vander Molen; Vander Wal - Doug Vande Voort	
Morning Prayer Team	Glen Fynaardt Frank Reitsma	Mark Franje Mike Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Amber Fynaardt, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Le Ann Bouwkamp, Brady Van Wyngarden	a.m. Michele De Boer, Quinten Veenstra p.m. Deb Bruxvoort, Kathy Franje
Offering	a.m. Siem Reap Orphanage (Cambodia) p.m. Peoria Youth Group	a.m. Resonate Global Mission p.m. New Sharon CARE Food Pantry

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)

PreK-2nd grade Church School students will practice in the auditorium immediately after the morning worship service for their part in the Christmas Candlelight service.

Choir practice will follow Church School practice as we prepare for Christmas Day.

Youth Group, please meet at church at 3:30 p.m. to prepare for candlelight 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.

CALENDAR

Monday 5:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Lesson: 1 Peter 2
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Cadets Christmas Caroling
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Caroling

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Will Verhoef will lead our morning worship service.

Pastor Kevin Vryhof will lead our evening worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Council Highlights and various newsletters are available in your **church mailbox** today.

The **Trinidad family** will return to Peoria for the last services of 2024, when Joel plans to preach on December 29. While our plan is to provide housing in the parsonage December 27-30, you are encouraged to invite them for a meal during their stay in Peoria.

The **Fellowship Committee** will be serving a **light meal** after our Old Year's evening worship service on December 29. Please plan to join us for fellowship on the last Sunday of 2024!

The **deacons will close the books** on December 30. Any budget envelopes received after that date will be recorded as 2025 receipts. The deacons thank you for prayerfully remembering the needs of our church in your giving.

CHURCH FAMILY

Vera Franje returned home on Wednesday. She experiences decreased tolerance for activity. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

"Thank you to the Peoria Church for your love and care for Geneva. She went to church in Peoria her whole life and considered it her home. Thank you for faithfully visiting when she was in The Cottages. We look forward to the day when we will all see Jesus face to face." ~ the **Family of Geneva Rozenboom**

"Dear Peoria congregation, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your thoughts, prayers, cards, letters, and visits. We no longer see each other on a regular basis, but you continue to be in my thoughts and prayers as well. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas! ~ **Marilyn Vander Linden**

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 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.

Please join for our **Peoria Christian School Christmas Chapel** on Thursday, December 19, 8:30 a.m., in the school gym. Our speaker is Pastor Chuck Muether from Immanuel Reformed Fellowship. Hope to see you there!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: This coming week marks the winter solstice, the "longest night" of the year. For many, the Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time. How might God be calling you to minister to people who struggle? How might you remind them that the dark of night will gradually give way to the light of day? (www.crcna.org/Thrive)