

DECEMBER 22, 2024
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	Gray 333
Lighting of Advent Candle		
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
God's Will for Our Lives		
* Song of Response	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Gray 340:1-3
Congregational Prayer	Daryl Bouwkamp	
Offering Offertory	Resonate Global Mission <i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	Gray 346
Scripture Text	Matthew 1:18-2:23 (p. 933) Matthew 1:20; 2:13, 19	
Sermon	Angels Watching Over Jesus	
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>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	
* <i>Please stand, if able</i>		

DECEMBER 22, 2024
5:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord has done great things for us!
And we are filled with joy!
Our God has turned our weeping into singing,
and our tears into songs of joy!
O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,
and remain in us forever!

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gray 347

* Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)

Reading

Psalm 98 (p. 585)

* Song of Response

Away in a Manger

Gray 348

Evening Prayer

Offering

New Sharon CARE Food Pantry

* Song of Preparation

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Gray 353

Scripture

Isaiah 35 (p. 695)
Luke 2:8-14 (p. 992)

Sermon

The Way of Joy

Joy Comes as . . .

1. God Comes to Our Aid
2. We are Walking the Highway of Holiness
3. We Know the Highway's End

Prayer

* Song of Dedication

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Gray 355

* Benediction

* Doxology

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Gray 344:1,3,4

* Postlude

* *Please stand, if able*

December 22, 2024

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. Today we worship “The Word [who] became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Spencer Fynaardt family Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen	Gary & Carol Jochems Randall Vos family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Adrienne Vander Molen; Ippel - Toby Vander Molen; Mark & JinHee - Sarah Vande Voort; Vander Wal - Ruth Vande Voort	
Morning Prayer Team	Mark Franje Mike Vander Hart	Sandy Fynaardt Carm Reitsma
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Michele De Boer, Quinten Veenstra p.m. Deb Bruxvoort, Kathy Franje	a.m. Melissa Copenhaver, Gerrit Vos p.m. Davona Fynaardt, Alyson De Bruin
Nursery Christmas Day	Ruth De Bruin, Taylor Klyn	
Offering	a.m. Resonate Global Mission p.m. New Sharon CARE Food Pantry	a.m. Samaritan's Purse p.m. Safe Water International Ministries
Offering Christmas Day	Wycliffe Bible Translators	

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 and Catechism classes will not meet today.

We welcome **Pastor Kevin Vryhof** as he leads our evening worship service.

Choir practice will be held after the evening service. Your participation is needed to make this happen for our Christmas service. Please join us this evening.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service (prelude begins at 9:20 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK

Joel Trinidad will lead our morning and evening worship services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Budget envelopes for 2025 are available in your church mailbox.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

Abundant Life Center	\$1,100.00	Missionary Support:	
Aereopagus	500.00	Gifford	600.00
Bible League	1,890.00	Ippel.	1,809.72
Calvin University	50.00	Klompfen	600.00
Cary Christian Center.	500.00	Vander Wal	800.00
Christian Opportunity Center	1,135.00	Mobility Worldwide	1,820.00
Crossroads Bible Institute	580.00	New Life Prison Community.	925.00
Crossroads Prison Ministries	100.00	New Sharon CARE Food Pantry	100.00
CRC Chaplaincy & Care Ministry	500.00	Northwestern College.	100.00
CRC Disability Concerns	500.00	Partners Worldwide	200.00
CRC World Renew.	2,020.00	Pella Area Teams To Honduras.	1,505.00
CRC WorldRenewDisasterRelief	100.00	Pella Christian High School	300.00
Dordt University	350.00	Pella Christian Schools	101.00
Elim Christian School.	500.00	Pella Community Food Shelf	25.00
Focus on the Family.	250.00	Pella Pro-Life	985.00
818 Forward With Faith	1,325.00	Peoria Christian School	2,095.00
Freedom House	100.00	Peoria CRC General Fund.	8,000.00
Geneva Campus Ministries	500.00	Quiet Waters	500.00
Gideons	1,530.00	ReFrame Ministries	1,640.00
Hope Ministries	2,170.00	Rehoboth Christian School.	750.00
Hospice of Pella.	100.00	Resonate Global Mission	650.00
Huyser, Joel & Jeannie (S. Korea).	600.00	Rock Valley Flood Relief	1,250.00
Joshua Christian Academy.	525.00	Roose, Luke (Asia)	600.00
KCWN	100.00	Ruth Harbor	100.00
Ligonier Ministries	100.00	Safe Water Int'l Ministries	1,300.00
Luke Society	1,390.00	Samaritan's Purse	250.00
Malawi Hunger Relief.	3,750.00	Sheepgate	400.00
Many Hands for Haiti	1,605.00	Siem Reap Orphanage	375.00
Mid-America Reformed Sem	200.00	Sprigs and Sprouts	100.00
Missionary Support	2,146.25	Voice of the Martyrs	2,235.00
		Wycliffe Bible Translators	530.00
		Zuni Christian School.	1,000.00
		TOTAL	\$57,861.97

CHURCH FAMILY

This past week at Mayo, it was determined that the weakness **Keith Van Ee** experienced in his arm, hand, and leg are due to cancer growth. Please pray that the chemo he received three weeks ago will begin attacking the cancer, that the brain affected by the stroke will heal so his vision and memory returns as before, and for peace, patience and strength for all the family.

SCHOOL NOTES

Peoria Christian School thanks everyone for your continued support throughout this past year. Your words of encouragement, prayers, and financial gifts were greatly appreciated. We are excited to see what God has in store for us in this coming year! Please check out the latest postings on Facebook and share with your family and friends the amazing ways that God is blessing us here at Peoria Christian School (James 1:17).

BUS/VAN DRIVERS NEEDED! **Peoria Christian School** has an urgent need for bus or van drivers. Beginning January 14 through Spring Break we are looking for individuals who would be willing to help us fill this need. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org; 641-625-4131).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help ***The Banner*** reach its annual goal of raising \$500,000 by giving before December 31. Your gift will enable *The Banner* to continue reaching North Americans with inspiring and insightful Christian content for another full year. Please donate now at www.TheBanner.org/Give.

Thanks to your generosity, **Freedom House** has raised \$28,896 so far during our donor match! Our goal is to reach \$50,000 by the end of the month. Every penny counts in the battle to restore wholeness to girls recovering from exploitation. Please pray and consider what God would have you do. Single, one-time, or recurring monthly donations can be set up online at www.freedomhouseministry.org/donate/ or by check made out to Freedom House Ministries and mailed to P.O. Box 815, Pella, IA 50219.

Freedom House is hosting a charity gala on March 6, 2025, at the Gathering Grounds in Bussey, IA. Music and food will be provided, along with an opportunity to learn more about human trafficking. Please consider being a table sponsor. A table is \$200 and can seat a total of 8 people. Single tickets are also available. Tickets can be purchased at <https://form.jotform.com/243117564280151>. Tickets are also available for purchase at The Sanctuary in Pella. Early bird tickets are available until January 15. Come support a great cause!