

DECEMBER 29, 2024
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Do You Hear What I Hear?
What Child Is This?

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Gray 354

Call to Confession

Based on 1 John 1:9
If we claim to be without sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven,
And I am unable with my works to
redeem myself from sin and death.
For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God.
Without cost and out of pure grace
you have given me this boundless
blessing in your dear Son.
Through Him you take sin and death from me
and do grant me all that belongs to Him. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Matthew 11:28-30
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light"**

God's Will for Our Lives

Decalogue in Metric Form
**You shall not have more gods than Me.
Before no image bow the knee.
Take not the name of God in vain,
Nor dare the Sabbath to profane.
Give both your parents honor due.
Take heed that you no murder do.
Abstain from words and deeds unclean,
Nor steal though you are poor and mean,
Nor make a willful lie nor love it.
What is your neighbor's do not covet.**

* Song of Response	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	Gray 345
Congregational Prayer		
Offering	Samaritan's Purse	
* Song of Preparation	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	Blue 281
Scripture	Luke 2:1-7a (p. 992)	
Sermon	A Better Celebration	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	Gray 342:1-4
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	Gray 342:5
* Postlude	<i>Drummer Boy / Pat-a-Pan</i>	
* <i>Please stand, if able</i>		

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Favorites Song Service

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise

Away in a Manger

Gray 348

* Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)

Evening Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Safe Water International Ministries

All Is Well

* Song of Preparation

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Gray 353

Scripture

Luke 2:7 (p. 992)

Sermon

The Imitation of the Humility of God

Prayer

* Song of Dedication

Once in Royal David's City

Gray 346

Year in Review Video

* Benediction

* Doxology

Glory to God

Gray 214

* Postlude

* *Please stand, if able*

December 29, 2024

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship. On this last Lord's Day of 2024, we remember that "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Gary & Carol Jochems Randall Vos family	Jon Klyn family Jim & Jan Warden
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Earl Van Gorp; Ippel - Donna Van Wyk; Mark & JinHee - Jessica Van Wyngarden; Vander Wal - Nella Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Sandy Fynaardt Carm Reitsma	Tim Fraje Glen Fynaardt
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Melissa Copenhaver, Gerrit Vos p.m. Davona Fynaardt, Alyson De Bruin	a.m. Erin Fynaardt, JJ Copenhaver p.m. Maria Fynaardt, Alyson De Bruin
Offering	a.m. Samaritan's Purse p.m. Safe Water International Ministries	a.m. World Renew p.m. Love INC

TODAY

We welcome **Joel Trinidad** as he leads our morning and evening worship services.

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.

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

CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Ralph Pontier will lead our morning and evening worship services. In the morning we will install new elders Tim Franje and Dale Fynaardt and Deacon Spencer Fynaardt. We are thankful for the service of Mark Franje, Jim Warden, and Ken Vander Linden.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your church mailbox today is a **family visiting schedule** (if you are included in the winter assignments). Please contact your visiting elders if you reschedule. Thank you.

The **2025 Peoria CRC anniversary/birthday calendars** are available on the east basement table. You are welcome to help yourself to one per household. Please consider returning your 2024 calendar to the box on the same table for recycling the paper and for reusing the comb binders next year.

Budget envelopes for 2025 are available in your church mailbox.

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.

We thank **Paige Roos** for her service as church custodian and welcome **Sandy Vander Hart** to the position.

JANUARY USHERS:

East Door a.m.: Harlan De Boer, Dan De Bruin, Andrew Veenstra
p.m.: Jeremy Copenhaver, Leon Veldhuizen
West Door a.m.: Jon Klyn; p.m.: Daryl Bouwkamp
Elevator a.m.: Frank Reitsma; p.m.: Norman De Jong
Substitute a.m.: Bryce De Vries; p.m.: Marshall Fynaardt

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

“On behalf of Crossroads Fellowship CRC, we express our deepest thanks for your generous gift of \$1079 for the Liberia/Ivory Coast ministry. We continue to build churches in the rural areas. We help in other ways, too. Recently, Bibles were requested for all the churches that have been supported. We had just sent money for this purpose and then your gift arrived which covered most of this cost. Thank you for putting God's Word in the hands of the members of these churches.” ~ **Brad Van Kooten, Kevin Vryhof, and Joseph & Rachel Zarway**

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.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: As we come to the end of a calendar year, this is a fitting time to look back. At a mealtime this week, share with someone else one thing that you're grateful for, one thing you're sad about, and one way you've seen God working in the past year. Read Psalm 90 together as a reminder that God directs our days, months, and years. (www.crcna.org/Thrive)

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!