

JANUARY 5, 2025
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You Another Year is Dawning</i>	
Call to Worship	Psalm 89:1-2 (p. 579)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Hours and Days and Years and Ages</i>	Gray 443
Call to Confession	Mark 1:14-15 (p. 968)	
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon	John 1:1, 10-13 (p. 1027)	
Ordination of Elders and Deacons (Gray p. 1004)		
* Song of Response	<i>Soldiers of Christ, Arise</i>	Gray 570
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	World Renew <i>Fishers of Men (Pescador de Hombres)</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth</i>	Gray 276
Scripture	Luke 5:1-11 (p. 997)	
Sermon	Following Jesus 1. Why did they follow Jesus? a. Not just because they respected him b. Because they saw his glory c. Because they saw his mercy d. Because he commanded them 2. How did they follow Jesus? a. They left everything – a radical change b. They learned – they became disciples c. They served – they became fishers of men	
Prayer		

Preparation for the Lord's Supper (Gray p. 983)

* Song of Dedication	<i>Jesus Call Us; O'er the Tumult</i>	Gray 553
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Gray 637
* Postlude	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i>	

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4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i> <i>Lord, Speak to Me</i> <i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	Blue 638 Blue 667:1,2,4 Blue 393
Call to Worship	Psalm 99:1-3, 9 (p. 585)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>The LORD God Reigns in Majesty</i>	Gray 99 (tune Gray 547)
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering	Love INC	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Blessed Jesus, at Your Word</i>	Gray 280
Scripture	Judges 13:24-14:20 (p. 247)	
Sermon	Confronting the Philistines 1. Philistine wife 2. Philistine lion 3. Riddle for the Philistines 4. A Philistine Betrayal	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Let God Arise and by His Might</i>	Gray 68:1,2,6,9
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God</i>	Gray 630
* Postlude		
* <i>Please stand, if able</i>		

January 5, 2025

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. On this first Sunday of a new year, we offer praise “to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:3-5 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Jon Klyn family Jim & Jan Warden	Elders
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Susan Veenstra; Ippel - Nicki Veenstra; Mark & JinHee - Joel Veenstra; Vander Wal - John Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje Glen Fynaardt	Kathy Franje Sarah Vande Voort
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Erin Fynaardt, JJ Copenhaver p.m. Maria Fynaardt, Alyson De Bruin	a.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Nicole Vos p.m. Carm Reitsma, Greta Vos
Offering	a.m. World Renew p.m. Love INC	a.m. Missionary Support Freedom House (Communion) p.m. Rock Valley Flood Relief

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Ralph Pontier** as he leads our morning and evening worship services. This morning we will install new elders Tim Franje and Dale Fynaardt and Deacon Spencer Fynaardt.

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)

Home Builders will meet in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. (Lesson 6)

CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Chapter 4, Days 2-3
7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Sheldon Starckenberg will lead our morning worship.

Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord’s Supper**. This week let us evaluate our love for God and one another. Let us remember to pray for the Holy Spirit to show us our sin and then trust that our sins are forgiven because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. Then, when we come to take of the Lord’s Supper, it will be a celebration of our forgiveness and God’s love in our lives.

Vespers communion will be provided at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room for those who are not able to participate in the morning celebration.

Pastor Ralph Pontier will lead our evening worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Please make additions or deletions to the **nursery attendant** sign-up sheet on the basement table by January 12. Nursery attendants must be in the 5th grade or older.

Family visits scheduled for this week follow. All calls will last approximately one hour.

- Jan 9, 7:00 p.m., Franje & Vande Voort: Ernie Roose, Lawrence Roose
- Jan 11, 1:00 p.m., Fopma & Vander Hart: Rachel Vander Molen, Dennis Rozenboom

Thank you for taking time to reflect on **Philippians 2:1-11**. Topics for discussion may include one or more of the following questions:

- At this time in your life, how do you see yourself as a servant of God?
- What do you believe the Scriptures mean by “true faith”?
- What have you heard in a recent sermon that stirred you to think more deeply or, perhaps, act upon?

The **Adult Church School** class will resume our study of Genesis (chapter 3) next Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Our offering next Sunday evening is for **Rock Valley Flood Relief**. Emergency relief following the June flood was a critical first step, but rebuilding homes, restoring businesses, and providing support to displaced families require a long-term, sustained effort. Your gifts will help with placing furnaces and electrical panels in homes to keep water and gas lines protected, as well as provide for rebuilding to continue through winter months.

The **2024 Year in Review video** shown last week has been posted to the church website. If you did not attend or if you wish to see it again, you're encouraged to view it at www.peoriacrc.org (home page under “News”). And if you're looking for something to do during the cold winter months, you can enjoy memories of blessings from years gone by since 2008 by clicking on Communications ~ Live Stream Recordings ~ Year in Review Videos.

The deacons thank the congregation for your **faithful and generous giving** throughout the past year. The abundant outpouring of gifts for the Budget, Thanksgiving, Missionary Support and various other needs is truly a reflection of God's faithfulness to the Peoria congregation.

DECEMBER RECEIPTS:

Ligonier Ministries	\$561.00	New Sharon CARE Food Pantry	\$1,108.00
ThereforeGo Ministries.	461.12	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,185.00
Peoria Chr Sch General Fund	774.00	Samaritan's Purse	613.00
Christian Education Fund.	293.00	Safe Water International Ministries.	798.00
Siem Reap Orphanage	1,619.15	Church School	84.85
Peoria Youth Group	488.10	Building Fund	650.00
Resonate Global Mission	917.29	General Fund	46,266.99

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2024 General Fund budget obligation:	\$17,625.42
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2024 General Fund budget obligation:	\$211,505.00
Year-to-date 2024 General Fund budget receipts:	\$190,180.97

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Jan 12 a.m. Missionary Support Freedom House (Communion)	p.m. Rock Valley Flood Relief
Jan 19 a.m. Pella Pro-Life	p.m. Pella Christian Schools
Jan 26 a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Tent Schools International
Feb 2 a.m. Peoria Cadets	p.m. Focus on the Family

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

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. Copenhagen (principal@peoriachr.org; 641-625-4131).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: Today is Epiphany Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus' coming as the light to all people. On this Sunday we remember the Magi, who saw the light in the sky and followed it to honor the birth of Jesus. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Talk about what kind of gift you would bring to Jesus, and why. (www.crcna.org/Thrive)



PEORIA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH *2024 In Retrospect*

GOD'S GIFT OF NEW LIFE

May 21 Ilana Dawn, *daughter of Grant & Amber Fynaardt*
June 11 Samuel John, *son of Spencer & Maria Fynaardt*
August 12 Cooper Wesley, *son of Kody & Paige Roos*

BAPTISMS

July 28 Ilana Dawn Fynaardt
September 1 Samuel John Fynaardt
October 20 Cooper Wesley Roos

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

February 25 Alyson De Bruin
February 25 Jocelyn Veenstra

WENT TO HEAVEN TO BE WITH THE LORD

August 21 Gretta Veenstra
September 22 Carol Fynaardt
November 21 Geneva Rozenboom

THOSE WHO LEFT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Barb Jochems & Rachel Jochems to Calvary CRC, Pella, IA
Ben Bouwkamp to Providence Reformed Church, Pleasant Hill, IA

LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS: 1