

JANUARY 12, 2025
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>I Hear in the Air (Daar Ruischt Langs de Wolken)</i>	
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	Gray 358:1,4,5
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Missionary Support <i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High</i>	Gray 364:1-3,6
Scripture	Matthew 3 (p. 935)	
Sermon	The Baptism of Jesus	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i>	Gray 327
Celebration of Communion Music	<i>Rose of Bethlehem</i> <i>Near the Cross</i>	
Song Thank Offering	<i>There Is a Redeemer</i> Freedom House	Blue 308
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Blue 815
* Postlude	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

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Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Revelation 5:12 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Elders	Daryl & Le Ann Bouwkamp Frank & Carm Reitsma
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Leon Veldhuizen; Ippel - Randall Vos; Mark & JinHee - Jim Warden; Vander Wal - Calvin Bandstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Carm Reitsma	Mark Franje Frank Reitsma
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Nicole Vos p.m. Carm Reitsma, Greta Vos	a.m. Sandy Vander Hart, Hudson Fynaardt p.m. Pam Vander Linden, Luke Fynaardt
Offering	a.m. Missionary Support Freedom House (Communion) p.m. Rock Valley Flood Relief	a.m. Pella Pro-Life p.m. Pella Christian Schools

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Sheldon Starkenburg** as he leads our morning worship service. Today we celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. We welcome to this communion all who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ and who are members in good standing in a Christian church. Others are asked to refrain from partaking (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). When the elements are passed, please wait so that we can all partake at the same time.

Please join us as we **fellowship** over a cup of coffee or lemonade after the morning worship service.

Parents, please send your **PreK-2nd grade Church School students** to Room 2 to practice singing for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

Church School classes will meet after the morning service and dismiss at 11:45. Preschool and adult classes meet 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)

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

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.

We welcome **Pastor Ralph Pontier** as he leads our evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 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
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Church Building Committee Meeting

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Kevin Vryhof will lead our morning worship.

Pastor Jamie Bogaard will lead our evening worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Our offering this 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 deacons have decided to discontinue scheduling offerings for the **Christian Education Fund** at this time. Instead, you will notice more scheduled opportunities to give to the general funds of area Christian schools.

Family visits scheduled for this week follow. All calls will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

- ▶ Jan 13, G. Fynaardt & Vande Voort: Matt Vander Hart, Todd Vander Molen
- ▶ Jan 13, Fopma & Franje: Calvin Bandstra, Austin Roose
- ▶ Jan 15, Fopma & G. Fynaardt: Spencer Fynaardt, Russ Fynaardt
- ▶ Jan 16, D. Fynaardt & Vande Voort: Vera Franje, Mary Roose

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 Pastor Search Committee has been in contact with **Pastor David Swinney** from High River, Alberta, and has invited him to lead our morning and evening worship services on Sunday, January 26. Refreshments will be served after the morning service. Pastor Swinney will meet with the Pastor Search Committee while here.

On Saturday, March 15, our congregation will be hosting a **choir from Geneva College**, a Christian college located in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. The choir will be performing in Peoria on Saturday evening and will join us in worship on Sunday morning. We hope to be able to host as many of the 55 members/chaperones as possible. If you are able to host two or more choir members, please indicate your willingness on the sign-up sheet on the basement table.

Do you enjoy bowling? **Open bowling** is available for our church members on Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Oskaloosa Statesmen Lanes. If you're interested in joining us, contact Norman De Jong.

CHURCH FAMILY

Todd Vander Molen was admitted to Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Hospital, where he is being treated for two serious blood infections. Please pray that the source of the infection and effective treatment can be found.

Wynne and Patty Veenstra are working as site managers with World Renew in Mayfield, KY, to help repair tornado damaged homes. Please pray for safety in their travel and work, for a blessing on all who serve and are served, and that the love of Christ will be shared and His name praised.

"Thank you to all who shared food, cards, phone calls, text messages, and prayers after Melody's eye surgery. We thank God for restored vision." ~ **Carl and Melody De Jong**

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crossroads Prison Ministries Mentor Gathering will be held on Friday, February 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the Calvary CRC Youth House. Douglas Cupery, Director of Church Engagement, will be the presenter. The gathering is open to current mentors and anyone interested in learning more about the ministry. Join us to discover how mentors make a meaningful impact, and hear stories of God's work through Crossroads. Feel free to bring an interested friend. Register at www.cpministries.org/events.

818 Forward With Faith invites you to their annual **Dessert Dash** on February 8, 2025. This year's event will be held at the Graham Center on the Central College campus. If you are so inclined, please join us in dressing a little more formally again this year. Of course, this is optional. Valet parking will be available. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will begin at 6:30, followed by our speaker and the dessert dash. We are excited to have Bev Roozeboom, local author of "A Day In The Life" as our speaker for the evening. Seating is limited, so reserve your table today. Please RSVP to this event at <https://www.forwardwithfaith.org/upcoming-events> or email us at contact@forwardwithfaith.org with names and how many will attend. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your support!

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!

Supporters of **World Renew** are invited to a **Discovery Tour of Honduras** on March 15-20, 2025. If you would like to see the work of World Renew in person, would like to connect brothers and sisters in Christ in Honduras, and have an interest in World Renew's agriculture and food security work, this tour is for you! Visit www.worldrenew.itraveliq.com/trips/HondurasDiscoveryTour for registration. More information is posted on the basement bulletin board.



I HEAR IN THE AIR *(Morning Prelude)*

I hear in the air, 'neath the canopy blue,
Sweet notes of a Name, most resplendent and true;
No Name that is sweeter, more blessed for men,
It heals all our wounds and restores us again.
Know ye, know ye, whose Name that is?
That Name is my Savior's, my hope and my bliss!

In truth our Redeemer this blest Name can bear,
Of Jesus, the Savior, a Name bright and fair;
So great was His love that He shed on the tree
His own precious life-blood to set His own free.
Know ye, know ye, our Savior-King,
Who left Father's mansions redemption to bring?

One day all creation shall bow to our Lord;
E'en now, 'mong the angels His Name is adored.
May we at his coming, with glorified throng,
Stand singing His praises in Heaven's great song:
"Jesus, Jesus, Savior adored,
Of all men and angels forever the Lord."