

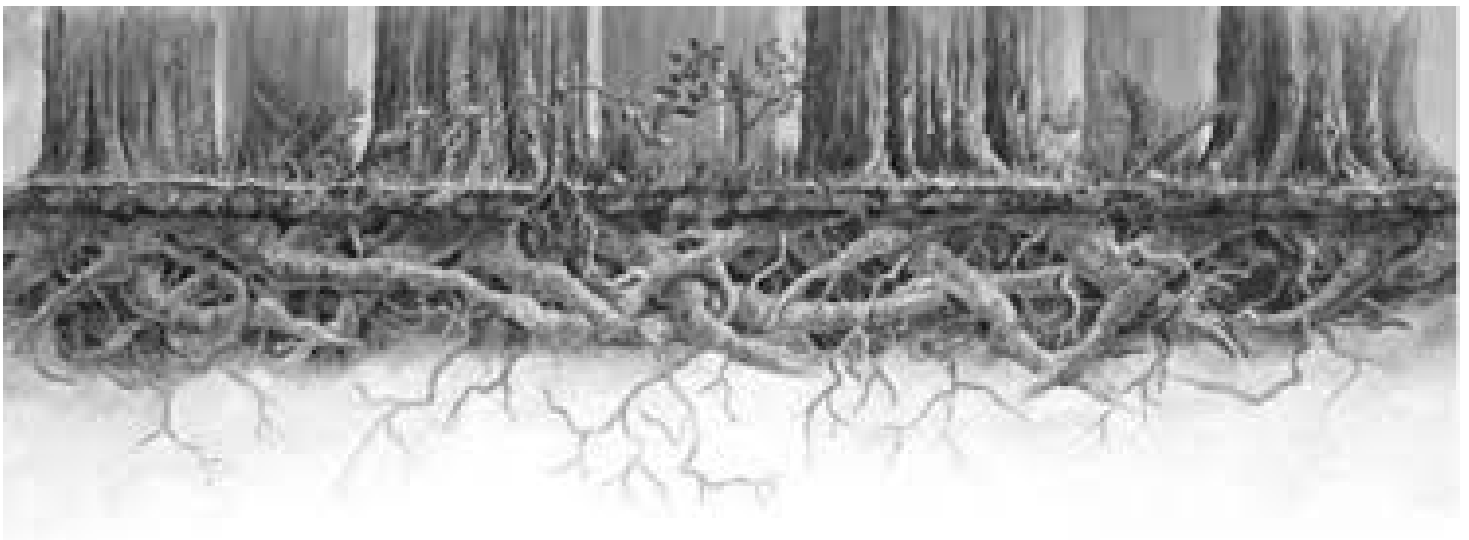
PEORIA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

GEMS WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Rooted and Grounded in God's Love

Ephesians 3:14-19



FEBRUARY 25, 2025
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
How Firm a Foundation

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Gray 556

GEMS Litany

"Rooted and Grounded in God's Love"

8th Grade Girl: This year, the GEMS girls are completing an incredible journey full of blessing and growth through a Bible study on "Strong Roots." Studying and learning God's Word helps us to keep our purpose focused on Him. When we do this, we enjoy a deeper relationship with God. Our theme verses this year are Ephesians 3:14-19.

GEMS: We are rooted and grounded in His love. God's love makes us spiritually strong. There is no greater love. (Ephesians 3:14-19; John 12-13)

Congregation: God's love sacrificed and made a way for us to be rooted and strong.

GEMS: God's love is a gift! God's love is a gift that offers salvation to us! God's love is for everyone! (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16-17)

8th Grade Girl: God shows no partiality or favoritism with His love. He offers salvation to all who believe in Him. God's love is infinitely patient because He desires all people to repent and turn to Him.

Congregation: God's love is faithful. We can trust God because His love is faithful. He always keeps his promises. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

GEMS: God's love is merciful. (Ephesians 2:4-6)

8th Grade Girl: God's merciful love strengthens our trust in Him because He has promised not to punish us for our sin when we confess and believe in Jesus. God's love is forgiving. (Numbers 14:13-19)

GEMS: God's love is kind and just. (Titus 3:4; Romans 3:21-26)

8th Grade Girl: God's love is just because it is based not on what we have done but on what Jesus has done. God's love is perfect. Trusting in God's perfect love casts out fear in our hearts so we can be securely rooted. (1 John 4:15-18)

Congregation: God's love is compassionate. (Matthew 9:35-36)

8th Grade Girl: We can trust God to take care of our needs and help us every day because His love is compassionate. God's love rejoices. (Zephaniah 3:17)

GEMS: We can trust God because we are rooted in His love that delights and rejoices over His people.

8th Grade Girl: We can trust God's good love to rescue us from sin and protect us eternally. God's love is secure. We are securely rooted in God's love, and nothing can separate us from it! (Psalm 100; Romans 8:38-39)

GEMS: God's love is unchanging.

8th Grade Girl: Because we are rooted in God's unchanging love, we can be strong no matter what changes or challenges we face in life. God's love is steadfast and everlasting. (Numbers 23:19; Psalm 103:17-18)

GEMS: God's love is victorious. We abide in His love. (1 Corinthians 15:57; John 15:10)

8th Grade Girl: God's love gives us victory that frees us from sin and helps us live for Him. We trust and abide in God's love by obeying his commands.

GEMS: We are grounded in God's love. (Psalm 1:1-3)

Congregation: We will grow and bear spiritual fruit when we meditate on the truth about God found in His Word.

All: We thank God for His love that gives all of us strong roots so that we may be steady in all circumstances of life. May we always remember how great His love is for us.

GEMS Theme Song	<i>Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me</i> (GEMS sing)	
* Song of Response	<i>O Love of God, How Strong and True</i>	Gray 463:1,3,5,7
Congregational Prayer		
Offering	Peoria GEMS	
Offertory	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>When We Walk with the Lord</i>	Gray 548
Scripture	Ephesians 3:14-19 (p. 1135)	
Sermon	Strong Roots	
Prayer of Application		
* Song of Dedication	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Gray 500
* Call to Discipleship	Micah 6:8 (all past and present GEMS Girls & Counselors)	
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>My Friends, May You Grow in Grace</i>	Song Sheet
* Postlude	<i>The Love of God</i>	
* <i>Please stand, if able</i>		

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Peoria GEMS Club

5th/6th Grade

(Linda Franje,
Jessica Van Wyngarden)
Caroline Hoksbergen (5)
Clara Roose (5)
Kollins Kruid (6)
Mary Lefevre (6)

7th/8th Grade

(Pam Klyn, Marla Van Der Hart)
Jedi Anum-Higher (7)
Hannah Stam (7)
Olivia De Haan (8)
Abby Lefevre (8)
Anna Roose (8)
Ellie Vos (8)

Craft Counselor: Pam Vander Linden



FEBRUARY 23, 2025
5:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* **Gray 475**

* Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 1 (in unison, Gray p. 861)

Reading Psalm 90 (p. 581)

* Song of Response *Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place* **Gray 90**

Evening Prayer

Offering Geneva Campus Ministry

* Song of Preparation *Oh, for a Closer Walk with God* **Gray 551**

Scripture Exodus 32:7-13 (p. 42)

Sermon **Moses, the Advocate**

Prayer

* Song of Dedication *I Need Thee Every Hour* **Blue 638**

* Benediction

* Doxology *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* **Blue 237**

* Postlude

* *Please stand, if able*

February 23, 2025

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth." Psalm 57:5 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Carl & Melody De Jong Mike & Sandy Vander Hart	Terry & Nicole Fopma Ken & Pam Vander Linden
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Myrna Fynaardt; Ippel - Maria Fynaardt; Mark & JinHee - Carol Jochems; Vander Wal - Jon Klyn	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Carm Reitsma	Mark Franje Glen Fynaardt
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Amber Fynaardt, Brady Van Wyngarden p.m. Davona Fynaardt, Jocelyn Veenstra	a.m. Erin Fynaardt, Taylor Klyn p.m. Maria Fynaardt, Mack Veenstra
Offering	a.m. Peoria GEMS p.m. Geneva Campus Ministry	a.m. Liberia Ministry p.m. Ruth Harbor

TODAY

We welcome **Scott Roose** as he leads our morning worship service. The GEMS girls will also participate.

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 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)

We welcome **Alex Foley** as he leads our evening worship service.

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 6:30 p.m. (Lesson 9)

CALENDAR

Monday 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Senior Saints Night
7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Ralph Pontier will lead our morning worship service.

Alex Foley will lead our evening worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At our congregational meeting last Monday, a 90% vote was cast to extend a call to **Pastor David Swinney** of High River, Alberta. Please remember David and Lynda Swinney in prayer during this time of decision. Words of encouragement may be sent to Pastor David & Lynda Swinney, 407 6 Ave SW, High River, AB T1V 1B6 or by email to pastor@swinney.ca.

YOUTH GROUP-SENIOR SAINTS NIGHT 3.0: All who are 65 and older (along with your spouse) are invited to a night of food, fun, and fellowship on Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 p.m., in the church basement. We hope the weather cooperates this week and we can see many of you there! Fresh food, we promise! Please contact Suzy Veenstra (780-8856) if you need help with transportation.

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.

MARCH USHERS:

East Door a.m.: Jeremy Copenhaver, Dan De Bruin, Andrew Veenstra
p.m.: Marshall Fynaardt, Jim Warden
West Door a.m.: Dale Rozendaal; p.m.: Daryl Bouwkamp
Elevator a.m.: Frank Reitsma; p.m.: Norman De Jong
Substitute a.m.: Bryce De Vries; p.m.: Leon Veldhuizen

SCHOOL NOTES

Peoria Christian School contracts have been extended to our current teachers for the 2025/2026 school year. Please pray for our teachers as they discern the Lord's plan for them in the coming school year.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

A recent update from **Pella Welcome Corps** is posted on the basement bulletin board.

Lake View Camp is excited to announce that **summer camp registration** is OPEN! Send your child on a great summer adventure where they will swim, fish, canoe, hike, and play crazy games – all while growing deeper in their faith. Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, service camps, and grand camps. More information and online registration is available at www.lakeviewconference.com.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: Think about a favorite Bible verse. Look it up in translations that are different from what you normally use. What do you notice in a new way? What stands out to you? Rewrite the verse in your own words or draw a picture of what this verse means to you. (www.crcna.org/Thrive)