

**APRIL 6, 2025**  
**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\* God's Greeting

\* Song of Praise                      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*                      **Gray 253**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives                      Galatians 5:16-26 (p. 1132)

\* Song of Response                      *When We Walk with the Lord*                      **Gray 548**

Congregational Prayer

Offering                      The Growing Place

\* Song of Preparation                      *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*                      **Gray 287**

Scripture                      Philippians 2:1-11 (p. 1139)

Sermon                      **If Christ, Then Unity**

Prayer

\* Song of Dedication                      *I Serve a Risen Savior*                      **Gray 405**

\* Benediction

\* Doxology                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      **Gray 638**

\* Postlude

\* *Please stand, if able*

**APRIL 6, 2025**  
**5:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Song Service	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> <i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i> <i>Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound</i>	<b>Gray 384</b> <b>Gray 385</b> <b>Gray 462</b>
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>He Is Exalted</i>	<b>Blue 36</b>
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	818 Forward With Faith <i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	<b>Blue 562</b>
Scripture Heidelberg Catechism	Colossians 2:6-7 (p. 1143) Q/A 29-30 (p. 872)	
Sermon	<b>Rooted in Christ</b>	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	<b>Gray 288:1-4</b>
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	<b>Gray 288:5-6</b>
* Postlude	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	

\* *Please stand, if able*

April 6, 2025

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** Today marks the beginning of Christian Education Week. "...things we have heard and known, things our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." Psalm 78:3-4 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Dale & Davona Fynaardt Dennis & Donna Van Wyk	Glen & Sandy Fynaardt Mark Van Wyngarden family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Jayme Veenstra; Ippel - Jocelyn Veenstra; Mark & JinHee - Lynda Veenstra; Vander Wal - Betty Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Sandy Fynaardt Carm Reitsma	Sandy Vander Hart Sarah Vande Voort
Nursery Attendants	<b>a.m.</b> Deb Bruxvoort, Hudson Fynaardt <b>p.m.</b> Melissa Copenhaver, Luke Fynaardt	<b>a.m.</b> Michele De Boer, Taylor Klyn <b>p.m.</b> Ruth De Bruin, Beau Van Wyngarden
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> The Growing Place <b>p.m.</b> 818 Forward With Faith	<b>a.m.</b> Resonate Global Mission <b>p.m.</b> Hope Ministries

TODAY

We welcome **Cory Van Gilst** as he leads our worship services today.

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)

**Home Builders** will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 12)

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Service Project at The Well  
7:00 p.m. GEMS Mother-Daughter Tea

NEXT WEEK

**Pastor Kevin Vryhof** will lead our Palm Sunday morning worship service. We will also have the privilege to hear Andrew J. Veenstra publicly profess his faith in Jesus Christ.

**Alex Foley** will lead our evening worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to **honor the memory of a loved one** in a bulletin insert for **Easter Sunday**, please sign a sheet in the church basement or any of the hallways by Sunday, April 13. Please indicate if you would like to purchase a lily for \$15. Payment (checks payable to Peoria CRC) may be given to Carla Vander Molen, Donna Van Wyk, or Jan Warden.

## MARCH RECEIPTS:

Liberia Ministry . . . . .	\$1,055.00	Ecumenical Cupboard . . . . .	\$ 465.00
Ruth Harbor . . . . .	618.00	Joshua Christian Academy . . . . .	768.00
Peoria Youth Group Serve Project . . . . .	2,115.05	New Life Prison Ministry . . . . .	605.21
Rehoboth Christian School . . . . .	565.00	Church School . . . . .	35.13
Resonate Global Mission . . . . .	928.00	Building Fund . . . . .	150.00
Mobility Worldwide . . . . .	722.00	General Fund . . . . .	14,384.02
Coram Deo Books . . . . .	3,003.00		

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2024 General Fund budget obligation:	\$15,702.42
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2024 General Fund budget obligation:	\$47,107.25
Year-to-date 2024 General Fund budget receipts:	\$38,554.02

## OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Apr 13 a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Hope Ministries
Apr 18	p.m. Freedom House
Apr 20 a.m. Missionary Support	p.m. Safe Water International Ministries
Apr 27 a.m. Pella Area Teams To Honduras	p.m. Many Hands for Haiti
May 4 a.m. Cadets / GEMS (Main Office)	p.m. Pella Community Food Shelf

## APRIL USHERS:

East Door	a.m.: Ben Van Wyngarden, Mack Veenstra, Trevor Veenstra	p.m.: Adam Fynaardt, Bret Fynaardt
West Door	a.m.: Ethan Klyn; p.m.: Dennis Veenstra	
Elevator	a.m.: Gary Jochems; p.m.: Ernie Roose	
Substitute	a.m.: Harlan De Boer; p.m.: Jim De Bruin	

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to **Vera Franje** in the sudden and unexpected death of her sister-in-law, Marcia Pothoven. May God provide His comfort and peace through the gospel hope we have in Jesus Christ.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian Schools Annual Society Meeting** will be held Monday, April 7, 6:00 p.m., in the PCHS music room. The meeting will include honoring staff for years of service, a state of the school report including the 2025-2026 budget, and the affirmation of new board trustees. All PC society members are invited to attend. An Endowment Foundation Meeting will immediately follow and will include the annual report, a presentation of new board members, and proposed amendments to the bylaws. More information is available at [www.pceagles.org/society-meeting](http://www.pceagles.org/society-meeting) or at either school office.

**Peoria Christian School** will be celebrating **Christian Education Week** April 7-11. Please join us as we take this week to appreciate the blessing of Christian Education. The activities of the week are as follows:

- Monday 8:30 a.m. Chapel in the school gym, Mr. Benjamin Anum-Higher speaking, 7th/8th graders presenting about their class trip
- Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Hymn Sing at Independence Village and Fair Haven
- Thursday 9:30 a.m. Cultural Fair presentations by 5th-8th grade students
- Friday Grandparent & Special Friends Day
  - 8:30 a.m. Chapel at Peoria CRC by Rev. Darren Kornelis
  - 9:15-11:00 Classroom Visits
  - 11:00 a.m. Cultural Fair Displays
  - 12:00 p.m. Lunch

A **Peoria Christian School Pre-K/Kindergarten Round-Up** is planned for Wednesday, April 16, 8:15 a.m.-12:40 p.m., for students considering enrolling in prekindergarten or kindergarten for the 2025/2026 school year. Please contact the office ([office@peoriachr.org](mailto:office@peoriachr.org)) if you are interested in your child attending or if you know of a family who has a child who could be interested.

**Sully Christian School Grandparents' Day** will be held on Thursday, April 10. We will start the day at 9:30 with a short program, followed by recess and coffee time for the grandparents. Grandparents can then visit the children's classrooms and have lunch with their grandchildren.

**Pella Christian Schools** invites grandparents and special friends to join us for **A Grand Day!** Grand Day at Pella Christian High School is Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 8:40 a.m. Grand Day at Pella Christian Grade School is Thursday, April 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The mornings will include chapels, classroom visits, student performances, and lunch. We look forward to spending this time with you and sharing how God's Story is unfolding at Pella Christian Schools.

Are you visiting **Tulip Time** this year? Be sure to stop by the **Pella Christian High School concession stand** located at East First and Franklin (in front of Bredeaux Pizza). We'll be serving Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, cotton candy, snow cones, cookies, chips, an assortment of drinks, and back by popular demand, the "Dutch Stack" sandwich (Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, and Gouda cheese). All proceeds support PC academics and our athletic, theater, and music programs. We promise to satisfy your appetite and thirst while you support PCHS!

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Gospel Singers Male Chorus** invites you to their celebration of 55 years of worshipping our Lord. Please plan to attend a concert at which two other choirs will join us this afternoon, 2:00 p.m., at Pella First Church.

Everyone is invited to hear guest speaker Hillary Morgan Ferrer, founder of **Mama Bear Apologetics** on Saturday, April 12, 6:30 p.m., at Pella Cornerstone Church (1020 E. Oskaloosa St.). Topics will include: "Using the ROAR Method to Chew and Spit through Cultural Lies" and "Linguistic Theft – Identifying Unbiblical Ideas Wrapped in Christian-Sounding Words". Please register at <https://forms.gle/aT9TC3m88BvL4Drv8>, for an opportunity to win a Mama Bear Apologetics book. Learn how to raise kids who think critically, love biblically, and stand firm against the cultural tide. Invite your friends!

**FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR SYNOD:** You're invited into 40 days of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Echoing the Emmaus Road theme from Gather events, we hope to "Journey With Jesus" as we ask for God's guidance, with prayers written by a wide variety of CRC contributors. Learn more and sign up at [www.crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://www.crcna.org/synod/prayer) for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be e-mailed to you. The 40 days of prayer will begin on Sunday, May 4.

The 2025 annual appeal for **The Banner**, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. *The Banner* is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going, please give online now at [www.TheBanner.org/Give](http://www.TheBanner.org/Give).

**THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP:** Katherine Wolf, coauthor of *Hope Heals*, said, "Before Jesus worked all things together for good, he wept over all the things that were not good. He made himself vulnerable to every kind of hurt to guarantee that we would never be alone in our pain. He offered us solidarity within his sovereignty." What are you, or the people in other parts of the world, weeping about right now? What can we do to be reminded that Jesus weeps with us? ([www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive))