

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship Psalm 67 (p. 564)

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise *Alleluia* **Gray 234**

Call to Confession Responsive Reading as a Teacher of Sin (Gray, p. 1016)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:5-9 (p. 1183)

* Song of Response *In Christ Alone* **Song Sheet**

God's Will for Our Lives Matthew 22:35-40 (p. 958)

Moment in Missions Dave Gifford

Congregational Prayer

Offering New Life Prison Community

* Song of Preparation *For Your Gift of God the Spirit* **Gray 416:1,3,5**

* Scripture Isaiah 55:1-11 (p. 718)

Sermon **The Power of Scripture**

* Song of Dedication *I've Come to Tell* **Gray 250**

* Benediction

* Doxology *There's No God as Great* **Gray 517**

* Postlude

** Please stand, if able*

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
5:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service	<i>Heal Our Land</i> <i>King of the Nations</i> <i>Amazing Grace</i>	Blue 800 Blue 801:1,3,4,5 Blue 343
Opening Prayer		
Call to Worship	Psalm 134 (p. 607)	
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>O Worship the King</i>	Gray 428
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Wycliffe Bible Translators <i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Blue 562
* Scripture Canons of Dort	John 6:22-51 (p. 1034) Fourth Main Point, Articles 10-12 (p. 938)	
Sermon	Effectual Calling	
* Song of Dedication	<i>We Know That God Works Things for Good</i>	Gray 221
* Benediction	2 Peter 1:2 (p. 1180)	
* Doxology	<i>My Friends, May You Grow in Grace</i>	Song Sheet
* Postlude	<i>Savior, Breathe An Evening Blessing</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

September 21, 2025

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth." Psalm 67:3-4 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Gary & Carol Jochems Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen	Jon Klyn family Randall Vos family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Sue Van Ee; Ippel - Marcia Van Gorp; Mark & JinHee - Dennis Van Wyk; Vander Wal - Mark Van Wyngarden	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Mark Franje	Kathy Franje Sandy Fynaardt
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Angie Vander Molen, Gerrit Vos p.m. Jessica Van Wyngarden, Greta Vos	a.m. Lynda Veenstra, Quinten Veenstra p.m. Nicole Vos, Kees Vos
Offering	a.m. New Life Prison Community p.m. Wycliffe Bible Translators	a.m. Mobility Worldwide p.m. Ecumenical Cupboard

TODAY

We welcome our missionaries **Dave and Blanca Gifford** as they worship with us and bring God's Word this morning. They will give a presentation of their work following the morning worship service.

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: Christian school tuition for children of Tesoros de Dios director (Andrew & Ruth Ippel, Nicaragua)

A **fellowship dinner** will be held today beginning at noon in the gym. Visitors are welcome! Please join us for good food and fellowship.

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Chapter 7: Isaiah 9, *Jesus, the Mighty God*
Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Youth Group at PCHS for Todd VM fundraiser
7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GOLD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **benefit fundraiser meal for Todd Vander Molen and family** will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Pella Christian High School. The menu will include smoked pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, chips, Oreo fluff, water, and pop. Additional information is posted on the basement bulletin board.

ANNUAL REMINDERS:

- Do you enjoy the **photos** that are posted on our church's Facebook page or used in the end-of-year video? If so, please snap some photos occasionally at church activities in which you are involved and send them to Deb Bruxvoort (rdbrux@bruxvoortag.com). Thank you for your help with this!
- **PRIVACY NOTICE:** Photos of church activities are occasionally posted on the church web site or Facebook page. Perhaps it is your desire to not be included in displays of group photos and/or photos of you or your family (with or without names attached). If so, please contact Deb Bruxvoort with your preferences.
- Each week, the **church website calendar** is e-mailed to all with e-mail addresses. If you have mistakenly "unsubscribed" from this service and would like to continue receiving these weekly reminders, or if you would like to be added to this list, please contact Kathy Franje.
- All **prayer requests** are shared via e-mail. If you do not have e-mail access and wish to receive a phone call when prayer requests are shared; or if you are willing to help make phone calls to pass along prayer requests, please contact Helen De Jong and the proper arrangements will be made.
- Some of you may wish to update your picture in our church's **website photo directory**. If you have forgotten how to access, see instructions on page 1 of your print church directory. If you have a newer photo you wish to share, please e-mail to Deb Bruxvoort or Kathy Franje, or place a print in their church mailbox (it will be returned). If you would like help from a "resident photographer", we can arrange for a quick picture of you after a worship service.

SCHOOL NOTES

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR: Meet admissions personnel, gather important financial aid information, and explore a wide variety of Christian colleges and universities. Join us at Pella Christian High School on Monday, September 22, 6:30-8:30 pm. All college-bound students and their families are welcome. Admission is free. Registration in advance is highly recommended. Visit <https://www.findyourchristiancollege.com/college-fairs/pella-area-ia-christian-college-fair> for more information. Contact Trixanna Wang with questions (wangt@pcealges.org).

Peoria Christian School is hosting a **Tip Night at Culver's** in Pella on Monday, September 22. The 7th/8th grade students will be serving from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Peoria Christian School will earn 100% of all tips and a portion of all sales during the evening. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Peoria Christian School Chapel will be held on Friday, September 26, 8:30 a.m., at the school gym. Rev. Greg Lubbers is our scheduled speaker. Everyone is welcome!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love INC invites you to an **open house and worship service** on Sunday, October 5, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at their new building (1901 A Ave. West, old Oskaloosa Herald). Worship will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring a chair! Building tours will be held before and after the service. Thank you for being a part of this partnership of churches!

Love INC's Mahaska Connect 2025 will be held on Saturday, November 8, at Fellowship Bible Church in Oskaloosa. Details are posted on the basement bulletin board. Many volunteers are needed! You can sign up on the basement table or visit www.loveincmahaska.org (Mahaska Connect tab). Volunteers should sign up by October 12. What a testimony for our community to see the partnership of churches working together to serve our neighbors!

Husbands, do you desire to reignite **romance in your marriage**? Fathers, do you have a **teenage son** you need to have "the sex talk" with but don't know how? Join us at Pella Faith CRC on Friday, October 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m., for a couples evening on "Recovering Your Romance" or on Saturday, October 4, 7:30-10:30 a.m., for a Father/Son Breakfast for "The Not Awkward Sex Talk". RSVP is appreciated. For more information, visit www.faithcrcpella.org (scroll down to News & Announcements, click on fourth panel).

The annual **Vermeer Leadership Alliance** event will be held on October 15 and 16 at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. Kara Powell from Fuller Youth Institute will join us on Wednesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m., for a free and open to the public event geared toward grandparents, parents, leaders, and most importantly the youth! She will be speaking on "3 Big Questions that Shape Every Teenager." On Thursday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Kara will present on "Future-Focused Church: Leading Through Change, Engaging the Next Generation, and Building a More Diverse Tomorrow." A registration fee is required, and lunch will be provided. To register, visit <https://charitable.vermeer.com/leadership-alliance/>. More information is posted on the basement bulletin board.

Registration is open for **Lake View Camp's fall/winter retreats!** Come spend a weekend reconnecting with your camp friends and being refreshed in your faith!

- Middle School Fall Retreat (6th-8th grade) on October 25-26, 2025
- High School Winter Retreat (9th-12th grade) on January 31 - February 1, 2026
- Middle School Winter Retreat (6th-8th grade) on February 21-22, 2026

More information and registration can be found at www.lakeviewconference.com/retreats.

YOUR GIFT OF GRAIN HELPS US GROW! The Board of Directors at **818 Forward With Faith** ask that you prayerfully consider donating grain to raise funds as we start the fundraising project to build our 3rd FWF home! Your contribution, big or small, will help us provide a beautiful home where our residents will feel valued and are able to thrive. We have accounts at the following coops: DFS, Key Coop, Heartland Coop, Pella Feed, and Two Rivers Coop. In-kind gifts are always a blessing, and during harvest 2025 they will help us take the next step in building our third home. To learn more about our mission at 818 Forward With Faith, visit www.forwardwithfaith.org. Please contact Curt Hooyer (641-780-2249) with any questions.

LIBERIA MISSION TRIP 2026: For the last ten years, Crossroads Fellowship CRC has supported the Liberia & Ivory Coast Ministry. We are planning a trip to the rural areas of this ministry in March 2026. Since Peoria CRC has financially supported this ministry, we would like to invite 1-2 people to join the 6-10 person group we are putting together for this trip. This will require participation in planning meetings either in person or online, some fundraising (up to \$5,000/person), and the physical ability to endure heat and be flexible regarding accommodations as we travel to the rural areas. If you have any interest in participating in this trip, please contact Kevin Vryhof (515-661-2077; kjvryhof@gmail.com) or Brad Van Kooten (515-314-8796; brad.vk@gmail.com) as soon as possible since planning has begun.