

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

Prelude	<i>O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go</i> <i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	
Opening Prayer		
* Call to Worship	Psalm 69:30-36 (p. 566)	
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise</i>	Gray 111
Preparation to Receive the Lord's Supper (Gray p. 983)		
Assurance of Pardon	Romans 5:1-11 (p. 1093)	
* Song of Response	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Gray 384
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Resonate Global Mission <i>This Is My Song</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread</i>	Gray 290
* Scripture	Ruth 1:1-7 (p. 257)	
Sermon	In the Days of the Judges	
* Song of Dedication	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	Gray 544
* Benediction	Numbers 6:24-26	
* Doxology	<i>Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship</i>	Gray 233
* Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

OCTOBER 5, 2025
5:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service	<i>The Love of God</i> <i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i> <i>You Are My All in All</i>	Blue 157 Blue 79 Blue 583
Opening Prayer		
Call to Worship	Psalm 145:1-7 (p. 612)	
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>In All the Land Rejoice</i>	Song Sheet
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Hope Ministries <i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth</i>	Gray 276
* Scripture Confession/Catechism	Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 700) Lord's Day 1 (p. 861)	
Sermon	Our Only Comfort	
* Song of Dedication	<i>My Only Comfort</i>	Song Sheet
* Benediction	Romans 15:5-6	
* Doxology	<i>You Servants of the LORD Our God</i>	Gray 134
* Postlude	<i>Chorus of Praise</i>	

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Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. Today we celebrate All Nations Heritage Sunday and the diverse and multi-cultural church of Christ. "Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples." Psalm 96:1-3 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Carolyn Bandstra & Judy Rozenboom Jim & Jan Warden	Elders
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Lynda Veenstra; Ippel - Patty Veenstra; Mark & JinHee - Sherry Veldhuizen; Vander Wal - Nicole Vos	
Morning Prayer Team	Linda Franje Sarah Vande Voort	Mark Franje Frank Reitsma
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Logan Roos p.m. Deb Bruxvoort, Luke Fynaardt	a.m. Caitlin Veenstra, Brady Van Wyngarden p.m. Kathy Franje, Hudson Fynaardt
Offering	a.m. Resonate Global Mission p.m. Hope Ministries	a.m. World Renew Benevolent Fund (Communion) p.m. Siem Reap Children of Promise Orphanage (Cambodia)

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

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Ch 7, Isaiah 9, *Jesus, the Mighty God*, Day 3 (p. 115)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GOLD
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An **adult Church School class** will begin this morning following the worship service in the west basement. The class will last about six weeks and focus on the interactions of Jesus (and his disciples) with various groups that lived in Palestine. The focus of the first week will be the Sadducees.

SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS:

Tent Schools International	\$763.00	Mobility Worldwide	\$1,070.00
Focus on the Family	572.00	Ecumenical Cupboard	709.00
Resonate Global Mission	699.00	Church School	50.50
Thrive: Disability Access	520.25	Building Fund	120.00
New Life Prison Community	929.00	General Fund	16,591.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	629.00		

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2025 General Fund budget obligation:	\$15,702.42
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2025 General Fund budget obligation:	\$141,321.75
Year-to-date 2025 General Fund budget receipts:	\$116,557.41

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Oct 12	a.m. World Renew	p.m. Siem Reap Children of Promise Orphanage (Cambodia)
	Benevolent Fund (Communion)	
Oct 19	a.m. Freedom House	p.m. Joshua Christian Academy
Oct 26	a.m. Missionary Support	p.m. Unity Christian School (Clinton, IA)
Nov 2	a.m. Safe Water Int'l Ministries	p.m. ReFrame Ministries

OCTOBER 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 give thanks that **Ben Van Wyngarden** professed his faith before the elders. Ben's public profession will be scheduled later.

SCHOOL NOTES

Join us on Friday, November 14, for the **Peoria Christian School Wild West Bazaar!** Doors will open at 3:00 p.m. for the Bake Sale, Coffeetime, and Browse-N-Buy. A roast beef supper will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. (childcare available). *"Behold, I am doing something new; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* Isaiah 43:19

We need your delicious baked goods and confections for the annual **Peoria Christian School Bazaar & Bake Sale** on November 14! Cookies, bars, pies, bread, rolls, cupcakes, fudge, Christmas cookies and candy, jelly, jam, home canned fruit, vegetables, salsa, gluten free and/or dairy free items, etc., are all welcome. Your items must be in the gym by noon on November 14. Please label your items. Styrofoam trays, bags, and labels will be available at school and in the Peoria CRC basement a few weeks before the bazaar. Questions? Please contact Clarice Meinders (641-780-0126; glennmeinders@iowatelecom.net).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love INC invites you to an **open house and worship service** today from 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!

A memorial event for the **Empty Cradle** program at **Pella Regional Health Center** will be held on Sunday, October 12, 3:00 p.m., at the Scholte Church in Pella Historical Village (enter at corner of Franklin St. and East 2nd St.). Join us for a service, remembrance stroll, and butterfly release in honor of little ones gone too soon. For more information, call Hospice of Pella (641-620-5050).

The **Vermeer Charitable Foundation** invites you to:

- an evening with Dr. Kara Powell, PhD. Kara is the Executive Director of the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI), the Chief of Leadership Formation at Fuller Theological Seminary, and named by *Christianity Today* as one of "50 Women to Watch." She will be speaking on "3 Big Questions that Shape Every Teenager." This free, open to the public event will be held Wednesday, October 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the Vermeer Global Pavilion.
- a full day with Dr. Powell on Thursday, October 16, at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. Kara will be speaking on "Future-Focused Church: Leading through Change, Engaging the Next Generation, and Building a More Diverse Tomorrow". This full day event requires a registration fee of \$50 before October 9. For more information or to register, visit <https://charitable.vermeer.com/leadership-alliance/>. Please call 641-628-3141 or e-mail charitablefoundation@vermeer.com with further questions.

Lake View Camp invites everyone to a **Fall Camp Fun Day** on Saturday, October 18! This camp fundraiser will start off with a 5K Trail Run/Walk (\$25 pre-registration / \$35 on race day) at 9:00 a.m., followed by fall fun activities from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (\$5/person). Activities include canoeing, fishing, mini obstacle course, hay bales, crafts, mini golf, wagon rides, and more – fun for the whole family! More details are available at www.lakeviewconference.com/blazingthetrails. (Pre-registration is encouraged for the 5K Trail Run but not required. No pre-registration for the Fall Camp Fun Day.)

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.

Full-time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But “how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10:00-3:00 for **'CALLED'**. Stephen Terpstra, John Klompfen, and John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full- or part-time ministry. For more information and to register, visit <https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster on the basement bulletin board. Questions? E-mail pastor@firstcroc.org.



THIS IS MY SONG

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms,
Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all men serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
Oh, hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations,
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done. Amen.