

OCTOBER 26, 2025
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	
Call to Worship	Psalm 96:1-9 (p. 584)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise</i>	Gray 96:1-4
Call to Confession	Joel 2:12-17 (p. 882)	
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon	Joel 2:28-32	
God's Will for Our Lives	John 13:34-35 (p. 1045)	
* Song of Response	<i>May the Mind of Christ, My Savior</i>	Gray 291
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Missionary Support <i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Holy Spirit, Mighty God</i>	Gray 278
* Scripture	Judges 21 (p. 255)	
Sermon	The Salvation of Benjamin 1. Why the oath not to marry their daughters? 2. Why the burnt offerings after the battle? 3. Was Jabesh treated too harshly? 4. Were the dancing girls unrighteously abducted? 5. How was Benjamin saved?	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>Christian Hearts in Love United</i>	Gray 513
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Gray 637
* Postlude	<i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	
* <i>Please stand, if able</i>		

OCTOBER 26, 2025
6:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>I Will Sing of My Redeemer</i>	
Call to Worship	Psalm 147:1-3 (p. 613)	
Opening Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good</i>	Gray 187
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Reading	Psalm 122 (p. 604)	
* Song of Response	<i>I Was Glad They Came to Call Me</i>	Gray 122
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Unity Christian School (Clinton, IA) <i>God Moves in a Mysterious Way</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer</i>	Gray 543
* Scripture	Luke 5:12-16 (p. 997)	
Sermon	An Outcast Restored 1. The Symbolic Significance of Leprosy 2. A Man Full of Faith 3. A Compassionate Savior	
Prayer		
* Song of Dedication	<i>What Shall I Render to the LORD</i>	Gray 178
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Father, We Love You</i>	Gray 634
* Postlude	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

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Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are thankful for another opportunity to gather for worship, to hear God's Word, and to fellowship together.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Bob & Deb Bruxvoort Frank & Carm Reitsma	Jim & Ruth De Bruin Kody Roos family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Bryce De Vries; Ippel - Nicole Fopma; Mark & JinHee - Linda Franje; Vander Wal - Tim Franje	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Sandy Vander Hart	Frank Reitsma Mike Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Michele De Boer, Taylor Klyn p.m. Davona Fynaardt, Eleanor Fynaardt	a.m. Erin Fynaardt, Brady Van Wyngarden p.m. Maria Fynaardt, Madi Veenstra
Offering	a.m. Missionary Support p.m. Unity Christian School (Clinton, IA)	a.m. Safe Water International Ministries p.m. ReFrame Ministries

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Ralph Pontier** as he leads us in worship 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 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)

The **adult Church School class** will not meet today.

The **choir** will practice after the evening service to prepare for our Reformation Worship Service on November 2. All singers, please join us!

CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Ch 7, Q 30 (p. 122) and begin Ch 8, Isaiah 52-53
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GOLD
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Fun Night at Trio in Oskaloosa

NEXT SUNDAY

Choir will practice at 3:45 p.m. Please join us as we will likely have guest singers from neighboring churches.

Peoria CRC is hosting a combined **Reformation Worship Service** with the Cedar, Ebenezer, Leighton, Peoria, and Tracy congregations at our 5:00 p.m. worship on November 2. Plan to join us as we worship and fellowship together with brothers and sisters in Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our offering this evening is for **Unity Christian School** in Fulton, Illinois. Unity Christian School has roots in the Christian Reformed Church, and their mission is to teach students the Truth from a Christ-centered perspective for lives of discipleship. They are in the process of moving across the Mississippi River to Clinton,

Iowa, to better serve the larger community of Clinton, as well as to give their families access to the Student First Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) in Iowa. Their new facility will be completed by the end of this year, but they still have some funds to raise to accomplish their goal of having the facility paid for in full by the end of the year. Classis Central Plains recommended that churches in our classis receive offerings for Unity Christian School to help cover the expenses of their new facility. For more information, visit Unity Christian School's website (www.unitychristian.com).

Remember to adjust your **clocks** for returning to Standard Time, which begins next Sunday. Our Sunday evening worship services will begin at 5:00 p.m. while Standard Time is in effect.

Second quarter **Church School classes** will begin on November 9. Materials for teachers, helpers, and substitutes are available from your church mailbox or the west basement table. Please return materials from the current quarter to Doug and Barb Vande Voort.

Please prayerfully consider the gifts God has given and how you can serve the church. The Council asks that you fill out a 2026 **committee preference survey**, which is available in your church mailbox today for 5th graders through adults (extras in the bulletin racks). Please return completed sheets to the boxes in the hallways by November 9.

NOVEMBER USHERS:

East Door	a.m.: Dan De Bruin, Bryce De Vries, Andrew Veenstra p.m.: Marshall Fynaardt, Leon Veldhuizen
West Door	a.m.: Jon Klyn; p.m.: Daryl Bouwkamp
Elevator	a.m.: Wynne Veenstra; p.m.: Norman De Jong
Substitute	a.m.: Dale Rozendaal; p.m.: Gary Jochems

SCHOOL NOTES

Sully Christian School is again selling delicious, hand-rolled **Dutch Letters**. Each 12" stick is stuffed with yummy almond filling and comes frozen and ready to bake at your convenience. A box of six Dutch Letters is \$30. Please place your order by using our online order form (<https://sullychristian.org/scs-dutch-letters/>) or by contacting Sandi De Vries (641-780-4049; scsdutchletters@gmail.com). Pick-up date is Friday, November 7, 12:00-8:00 p.m. at Sully Christian School or 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church in Pella. Thank you!

PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- 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).
- Are you willing to help serve or clean up at the **Bazaar Supper** on November 14? We are also looking for help to shred roast on Wednesday afternoon, November 12. A sign-up sheet for all these opportunities is available on the east basement table. Please contact Suzy Veenstra (641-780-8856) with questions.

All veterans and their families are invited to join us at **Peoria Christian School** on Tuesday, November 18, at noon for a **Veterans Day lunch** and brief program. We would be honored by your presence as we take a moment to reflect and express our appreciation for your service to our country. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch, but RSVPs are requested. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 13, to office@peoriachr.org.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The **Oskaloosa First CRC Ignite Youth Group** invites you to their annual **Dad's Belgian Waffle Supper Fundraiser** (freewill donation). Join us on Wednesday, November 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m., for delicious all-you-can-eat waffles, sausages, and beverages. Gluten-free options are available upon request. Carry out is also available. Proceeds will go toward the 2026 Summer Mission trip. We appreciate your support!

You are invited to a **Hymn Festival** presented by Dordt University music students, "Great One in Three, Eternal Praises Be: A Celebration of the Trinity" on Saturday, November 8, 7:00 p.m., at Peoria CRC. The Hymn festival will include brass, organ, a vocal octet, cello, percussion, and piano. Come and sing timeless hymns of our faith!

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 Klompier, 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@firstcrcoc.org.

Resonate Global Mission is providing an opportunity for you to join an online conversation with Resonate leaders and missionaries worldwide! Join us for an hour of **Ministry Amplified** on Wednesday, November 12, beginning at 11:00 a.m. (CST). Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcpTbWiP3_ClkeTsge8owddKf03P5ofZzDojqGgWPiZtWXFQ/viiewform?pli=1

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP – REFORMATION SUNDAY: The Reformers emphasized that the Bible is our authority in matters of faith and life (sola scriptura). Ask someone whose faith you admire to share with you how God's Word helps guide their decisions and their view of the world. (www.crcna.org/Thrive)