

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Overture</i> from The Messiah	
*Advent Candle Lighting	Isaiah 40:1-5 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Congregation (in unison with both readers): And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."	
Ministry of Music	<i>Comfort Ye My People</i> <i>Every Valley Shall Be Exalted</i>	
Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Advent Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i>	Gray 328:1-4
Call to Confession	Psalms 51:15-17 (p. 556)	
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon	Psalms 85:1-7 (p. 577)	
* Song of Response	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	Gray 333
God's Will for Our Lives	Romans 12:9-21 (p. 1101)	
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Liberia / Ivory Coast Ministry <i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Ancient Words</i>	Song Sheet
* Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-5 (p. 700)	
Sermon	The Glory of the Lord Revealed	
* Song of Dedication	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	Gray 194
* Benediction	Romans 15:5-6; 16:20b	
* Doxology	<i>Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship</i>	Gray 233
* Postlude	And the Glory of the Lord	

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4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Favorites Song Service	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	Blue 794
Opening Prayer		
* Call to Worship	Psalm 29:1, 2, 11 (p. 541)	
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Gray 502
* Confession of Faith	Nicene Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering	Ruth Harbor	
Offertory	<i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</i>	
Confession Reading	Belgic Confession Article 17 (p. 833)	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart</i>	Gray 419
* Scripture	Genesis 3:1-15 (p. 3)	
Sermon	The Gospel: Revealed in Paradise	
* Song of Dedication	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Gray 341:1,3,4
* Benediction	1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (p. 1147)	
* Doxology	<i>God, the Father of Your People</i>	Gray 322
* Postlude	<i>Jesus Christ Is Born Today!</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

November 30, 2025

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. On this first Sunday of Advent when we light the candle of hope, we “put [our] hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.” Psalm 130:7 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Mark & Linda Franje Mike & Sandy Vander Hart	Tim & Kathy Franje Ken & Pam Vander Linden
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Dale Rozendaal; Ippel - Andrew Vander Hart; Mark & JinHee - Mike Vander Hart; Vander Wal - Pam Vander Linden	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Tim Franje	Linda Franje Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Pam Vander Linden, Logan Roos p.m. Ruth De Bruin, Hudson Fynaardt	a.m. Davona Fynaardt, Luke Fynaardt p.m. Kathy Franje, Brady Van Wyngarden
Offering	a.m. Liberia / Ivory Coast Ministry p.m. Ruth Harbor	a.m. Pella Community Food Shelf p.m. Many Hands for Haiti

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 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Chapter 9, Q 9 (p. 148)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GOLD
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At our **congregational meeting** Daryl Bouwkamp and Frank Reitsma were elected as elders, and Dennis Veenstra and Randall Vos were elected as deacons. Approval was given to the 2026 budget and to all other proposals (finishing the room east of the sanctuary for an estimated cost of \$26,655; increasing Council spending limit to \$10,000; and Sunday evening worship at 5:00 p.m. year round).

CHURCH FAMILY

Suzy Veenstra is glad to be home and is doing well. Thank you for your continued prayers for strength, recovery, and patience.

“Thank you to our church family for birthday wishes and other expressions of kindness. We are thankful to God for the blessing you are to us.” ~ **Bandstra family**

“Thank you for your cards, telephone calls, and visits for my birthday. I thank God for my family and my church family. Above all, thanks be to God whose mercies are new every morning.” ~ **Vera Franje**

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Pella Pro-Life Annual Christmas Cookie Fundraiser** will be Thursday, December 11, at Ulrich Meat Market (715 Franklin St., Pella) from 12:30-5:30 p.m. (or until the last box is sold). We need plenty of help baking, decorating, and setting up! Please contact Amanda Meyer (pellaprolifeweb@gmail.com; 641-861-7182) by December 8 if you would like to bake cookies or to volunteer with the cookie sale on December 11.

The **Oskaloosa First CRC Ignite Youth Group** invites you to join them on December 14 at 6:00 p.m. for a Candlelight "Nine Lessons and Carols Service". This beautiful service will include Scripture readings, worship, singing, and the lighting of candles as we celebrate our Savior's birth. Bring your family and friends and share in this peaceful, joy-filled evening. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. We hope to see you there!

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas, such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive's Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas (www.crcna.org/advent-tools).