

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**  
**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude	<i>Overture from The Messiah</i>	
*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): <b>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."</b>	
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>	<b>Gray 328:1-4</b>
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>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>	<b>Gray 331</b>
God's Will for Our Lives	Exodus 20 (p. 73)	
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Pella Community Food Shelf <i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Ancient Words</i>	<b>Song Sheet</b>
* Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-5 (p. 700)	
Sermon	<b>The Glory of the Lord Revealed</b>	
* Song of Dedication	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	<b>Gray 333</b>
* Benediction	Romans 15:5-6; 16:20b (p. 1102)	
* Doxology	<i>God, the Father of Your People</i>	<b>Gray 322</b>
* Postlude	<i>And the Glory of the Lord</i>	

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**  
**4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Song Service	<i>Let All Things Now Living Of the Father's Love Begotten We Have Come into His House</i>	<b>Blue 794 Blue 240 Blue 224</b>
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>	<b>Gray 502</b>
* Confession of Faith	Nicene Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Many Hands for Haiti <i>Creator of the Stars of Night</i>  Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.  In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.  When this old world drew on toward night, you came; not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blessed mother mild.	
Confession Reading	Belgic Confession Article 17 (p. 833)	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart</i>	<b>Gray 419</b>
* Scripture	Genesis 3:1-15 (p. 3)	
Sermon	<b>The Gospel: Revealed in Paradise</b>	
* Song of Dedication	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	<b>Gray 341:1,3,4</b>
* Benediction	1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (p. 1147)	
* Doxology	<i>Abide with Us, Our Savior</i>	<b>Gray 565</b>
* Postlude	<i>Joy to the World!</i>	

\* *Please stand, if able*

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**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** Today, as we light the Advent 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	Tim & Kathy Franje Ken & Pam Vander Linden	Adam Fynaardt family Byron & Carla Vander Molen
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Carla Vander Molen; Ippel - Doug Vande Voort; Mark & JinHee - Sarah Vande Voort; Vander Wal - Ruth Vande Voort	
Morning Prayer Team	Linda Franje Sandy Vander Hart	Frank Reitsma Mike Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	<b>a.m.</b> Davona Fynaardt, Luke Fynaardt <b>p.m.</b> Kathy Franje, Brady Van Wyngarden	<b>a.m.</b> Maria Fynaardt, Mack Veenstra <b>p.m.</b> Amber Fynaardt, Kees Vos
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Pella Community Food Shelf <b>p.m.</b> Many Hands for Haiti	<b>a.m.</b> Samaritan's Purse <b>p.m.</b> Peoria Youth Group

### 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 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets  
7:00 p.m. GOLD  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

### NEXT SUNDAY

At 5:00 p.m., the Youth Group will participate in an evening **candlelight service**. Hebrews 11:11-19 will be the text for the message “The Gospel: Proclaimed by Patriarchs”. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the church basement following the service.

### 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).

### **NOVEMBER RECEIPTS:**

Safe Water International Ministries . . . . . \$1,584.00  
ReFrame Ministries . . . . . 823.00  
The Well . . . . . 592.00  
Resonate Global Mission . . . . . 498.00  
The Growing Place . . . . . 734.00  
Sheepgate . . . . . 618.00

Peoria Christian School General Fund . . . \$1,244.00  
818 Forward With Faith . . . . . 986.00  
Church School . . . . . 100.75  
Building Fund . . . . . 150.00  
General Fund . . . . . 15,779.46

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:	\$172,726.58
Year-to-date 2025 General Fund budget receipts:	\$157,446.04

#### OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Dec 14 a.m. Samaritan's Purse	p.m. Peoria Youth Group
Dec 21 a.m. PATTH (Byron VM & Jan W)	p.m. Pella Christian Schools
Dec 25 a.m. Wycliffe Bible Translators	
Dec 28 a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Crossroads Prison Ministries
Jan 1 a.m. Bible League	
Jan 4 a.m. World Renew	p.m. ThereforeGo Ministries

#### THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

Abundant Life Center . . . . .	\$1,655.00	Mobility Worldwide . . . . .	\$2,480.00
Appalachia Reach Out . . . . .	250.00	New Life Prison Community . . . . .	2,275.00
Bible League . . . . .	1,200.00	New Sharon CARE Food Pantry . . . . .	1,185.00
Cary Christian Center . . . . .	200.00	Partners Worldwide . . . . .	200.00
Christian Opportunity Center . . . . .	1,460.00	Pella Area Teams To Honduras . . . . .	815.00
CRC Chaplain Support . . . . .	500.00	Pella Christian Schools . . . . .	705.00
CRC Disability Access . . . . .	250.00	Pella Community Food Shelf . . . . .	750.00
CRC World Renew . . . . .	4,545.00	Pella Pro-Life . . . . .	1,170.00
Dordt University . . . . .	250.00	Peoria Christian School . . . . .	1,320.00
Elim Christian School . . . . .	500.00	Peoria CRC Benevolent Fund . . . . .	831.00
Focus on the Family . . . . .	600.00	Quiet Waters . . . . .	250.00
818 Forward With Faith . . . . .	2,880.00	ReFrame Ministries . . . . .	2,800.00
Faber, Ryan . . . . .	200.00	Rehoboth Christian School . . . . .	500.00
Freedom House . . . . .	870.00	Resonate Global Mission . . . . .	2,880.00
Gideons . . . . .	1,430.07	Ruth Harbor . . . . .	100.00
Hope Ministries . . . . .	2,500.50	Safe Water Int'l Ministries . . . . .	3,460.00
Huyser, Joel & Jeannie . . . . .	1,100.00	Samaritan's Purse . . . . .	950.00
Ivory Coast / Liberia Ministry . . . . .	600.00	Sheepgate . . . . .	250.00
Joshua Christian Academy . . . . .	600.00	Siem Reap Orphanage . . . . .	1,255.00
KCWN . . . . .	40.00	The Family Leader . . . . .	100.00
Ligonier Ministries . . . . .	50.00	The Well . . . . .	200.00
Love INC . . . . .	1,915.00	Unity Christian School (Clinton) . . . . .	250.00
Luke Society . . . . .	2,200.00	Voice of the Martyrs . . . . .	2,275.00
Many Hands for Haiti . . . . .	1,230.00	Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . . .	2,075.00
Mid-America Reformed Sem . . . . .	200.00	Zuni Christian School . . . . .	1,500.00
Missionary Support . . . . .	892.00	TOTAL . . . . .	\$60,593.57
Missionary Support:			
Gifford . . . . .	350.00		
Ippel . . . . .	1,100.00		
Klompfen . . . . .	350.00		
Vander Wal . . . . .	100.00		

#### DECEMBER USHERS:

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

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Suzy Veenstra** is doing well at home. 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**

## SCHOOL NOTES

Please join us on Friday, December 12, 7:00 p.m., at Peoria CRC for **Peoria Christian School's Annual Christmas Program**. We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with our students, parents, and society members through the use of instruments, chimes, song, and the spoken word. A time of fellowship and refreshments will be held in the school gym after the program. Everyone is welcome to join us for this evening of worship!

## 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](mailto: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.

**THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP:** Advent is a season of waiting for Jesus. This week, bring awareness to moments in your daily life when you are waiting. Instead of pulling out your phone or passing time with another distraction, use that time to connect with God in prayer. For example, if you're in a doctor's office waiting room, try praying with your eyes open, talking to God about the people who work there and those who come for care. If you have children, invite them to point out things you can pray for as you are waiting and then pray for them together. Whether you are in the school pick-up line, sitting in traffic, or waiting for vegetables to roast, embrace the opportunity to spend time with God. ([www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive))