

**DECEMBER 14, 2025**  
**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude	<i>O Come, Little Children Joy to the World</i>	
Advent Candle Lighting	<p>The Prophet wrote: "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. Haggai 2:6–7 (NIV84)</p> <p>"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness... Malachi 3:1–3 (NIV84)</p> <p>Congregation (in unison with readers): <b>And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."</b> Isaiah 40:5 (NIV84)</p>	
* Advent Song	<i>Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come</i>	<b>Gray 337</b>
* Prayer		
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>O Son of God the Father</i>	<b>Gray 368</b>
Call to Confession	Galatians 2:15-21 (p. 1129)	
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon	Romans 5:8-11 (p. 1094)	
* Song of Response	<i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i>	<b>Gray 327</b>
God's Will for Our Lives	Colossians 3:1-14 (p. 1144)	
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	<i>Samaritan's Purse Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Holy Bible, Book Divine</i>	<b>Blue 412</b>
* Scripture	Haggai 2:1-9 (p. 916)	

Sermon	<b>The Messenger of the Covenant</b>	
* Song of Dedication	<i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding</i>	<b>Gray 332</b>
* Benediction	Ephesians 6:23-24 (p. 1137)	
* Doxology	<i>How Bright Appears the Morning Star</i>	<b>Gray 357</b>
* Postlude	<i>The Glorious Gates of Righteousness</i>	



### **5:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude		
* Gathering Song	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	<b>Gray 356</b>
* God's Greeting		
* Opening Song	<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i>	<b>Gray 328:1,5,6,7</b>
Scripture Reading	Philippians 2:5b-8	
Heidelberg Catechism	Lord's Day 14 (in unison, Gray p. 875)	
Ministry of Music	<i>How Low Was Our Redeemer Brought</i>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-7	
* Song	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	<b>Gray 353</b>
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-14	
Song	<i>Silent Night! Holy Night!</i>	<b>Gray 344</b>
Evening Prayer		
Offering	Peoria Youth Group	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i>	<b>Gray 343</b>
* Scripture	Hebrews 11:11-19 (p. 1169)	
Sermon	<b>The Gospel: Proclaimed by Patriarchs</b>	
* Song	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	<b>Gray 342:1-3</b>
* Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	<b>Gray 342:4-5</b>
* Postlude		

\* Please stand, if able

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**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** On this Advent Sunday, we light the candle of joy and pray “May the God of hope and peace fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Adam Fynaardt family Byron & Carla Vander Molen	Bret Fynaardt family Doug & Barb Vande Voort
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Earl Van Gorp; Ippel - Donna Van Wyk; Mark & JinHee - Jessica Van Wyngarden; Vander Wal - Nella Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Frank Reitsma Mike Vander Hart	Norman De Jong Glen Fynaardt
Nursery Attendants	<b>a.m.</b> Maria Fynaardt, Mack Veenstra <b>p.m.</b> Amber Fynaardt, Kees Vos	<b>a.m.</b> Stacie Fynaardt, Beau Van Wyngarden <b>p.m.</b> Erin Fynaardt, Eleanor Fynaardt
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Samaritan's Purse <b>p.m.</b> Peoria Youth Group	<b>a.m.</b> Pella Area Teams To Honduras (Byron VM & Jan W) <b>p.m.</b> Pella Christian Schools

### 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)

The Youth Group will participate in our evening **candlelight service**. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the church basement following the service.

Following the evening worship service, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, the choir will practice selections for Christmas Day. Please bring your copy of *The Messiah*.

### CALENDAR

Wednesday 5:40 p.m. Cadets Christmas Caroling (meet at Peoria gym)  
7:00 p.m. GOLD  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Fun Night

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights of the December Council meeting and various newsletters are available in your **church mailbox** today.

For the past 15 years, **Pella Area Teams To Honduras (PATTH)** has been sending volunteers to provide health aid to the people of Honduras. Byron Vander Molen and Jan Warden will participate with the February 18-28, 2026, team to give medical aid and help with the construction of dwellings for the elderly. Cost is approximately \$1,600-\$1,800 per person. Our offering next Sunday morning will help with expenses for this ministry of mercy.

The Home Builders invite you to join us on the first and third Sundays of each month for some church family **singing around the piano** following the evening service (15-20 minutes before our Bible study time). We'll begin next Sunday, December 21.

The **deacons** will **close the books** on December 29. Any budget envelopes received after that date will be recorded as 2026 receipts. The deacons thank you for prayerfully remembering the needs of our church in your giving.

#### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to the **Taintor Community Church Drive-Thru Live Nativity** on Sunday, December 21, 5:00-8:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be received for a 2026 mission trip to Honduras.

**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](http://www.forwardwithfaith.org). Please contact Curt Hooyer (641-780-2249) with any questions.