

MARCH 15, 2026
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>God the Omnipotent</i>	
Opening Prayer		
* Call to Worship	Psalm 118:24-29 (p. 598)	
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	Gray 453
Call to Confession	Psalm 139:7-12, 23-24 (p. 609)	
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon	Psalm 36:5-9 (p. 546)	
God's Will for Our Lives	The Law as a Rule of Gratitude (Gray p. 1017)	
* Song of Commitment	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	Gray 568
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Ecumenical Cupboard <i>O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>God Has Spoken by His Prophets</i>	Blue 407
* Scripture	Luke 1:57-80 (p. 991)	
Sermon	The Promise Anticipated	
* Song of Response	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	Gray 329
* Benediction	Numbers 6:24-26 (p. 135)	
* Doxology	<i>God, the Father of Your People</i>	Gray 322
* Postlude	<i>O God, You Are My God</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

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4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service	<i>Blessed Assurance</i> <i>Near to the Heart of God</i> <i>It Is Well with My Soul</i> <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Blue 572 Blue 617 Blue 705 Blue 45
Opening Prayer		
* Call to Worship	Psalm 95:1-7a (p. 583)	
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>	Gray 465
* Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed (in unison, Gray back cover)	
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Areopagus Campus Ministries <i>Speak, O Lord</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	Gray 481
* Scripture	Romans 12:1-2 (p. 1100)	
Heidelberg Catechism	Lord's Day 12 (p. 873)	
Sermon	What Is a Christian?	
* Song of Dedication	<i>How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?</i>	Gray 584
* Benediction	1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28 (p. 1148)	
* Doxology	<i>Abide with Us, Our Savior</i>	Gray 565
* Postlude	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	

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Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Daryl & Le Ann Bouwkamp Ernie & Esther Roose	Jim & Ruth De Bruin Lawrence & Helen Roose
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Marcia Van Gorp; Ippel - Dennis Van Wyk; Mark & JinHee - Mark Van Wyngarden; Vander Wal - Bernie Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Tim Franje	Linda Franje Sandy Fynaardt
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Paige Roos, Quinten Veenstra p.m. Pam Vander Linden, Greta Vos	a.m. Caitlin Veenstra, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Nicole Vos, Kees Vos
Offering	a.m. Ecumenical Cupboard p.m. Areopagus Campus Ministries (ISU)	a.m. Calvinist Cadet Corps p.m. Mobility Worldwide

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)

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 6:30 p.m. (Lesson 11)

CALENDAR

Monday 6:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Chapter 11, Daniel 7, Days 4 & 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The **Youth Group** thanks all who came to our dinner and supported us through your donations! Your help to raise funds to rent a van for our summer SERVE trip to Fort Collins is appreciated!

Next Sunday after the morning worship service, **Russ Fynaardt** will share a presentation of his recent **trip to Cambodia**.

If you would like to **honor the memory of loved one** in a bulletin insert for **Easter Sunday**, please sign a sheet in the church basement or any of the hallways by Sunday, March 22. Please indicate if you would like to purchase a lily for \$16. Payment (checks payable to Peoria CRC) may be given to Carla Vander Molen, Donna Van Wyk, or Jan Warden.

CHURCH FAMILY

Arene De Jong has moved to North Holland, Room 15, at The Cottages. She is confused and doesn't recognize people, but she is content and enjoys visitors.

We give thanks to God with **Norman De Jong** on the occasion of his 85th birthday on March 21.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: **Arene De Jong**, 1758 Main St., North Holland Room 15, Pella, IA 50219

SCHOOL NOTES

URGENT NEED: Peoria Christian School is in need of a **driver** for the bus or the school van beginning Monday, March 23. We are open to mornings only, afternoons only, or certain days of the week that you are available. Please contact Sean Rozenboom (780-2729) if you are interested in helping.

The **Pella Christian Schools Annual Society Meeting** will be held Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m., in the PCHS band room. The meeting will include honoring staff for years of service, a state of the school report including the 2026-2027 budget, and the affirmation of new board trustees. All PC society members are invited to attend. An Endowment Meeting will be held immediately following the Society meeting. More information is available at www.pceagles.org/society-meeting or at either school office.

Do you have a child who will be entering kindergarten this fall? Join us for **Kindergarten Round Up at Sully Christian School** on Tuesday, April 7, 8:30-11:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity for incoming kindergarteners to visit the classroom and experience a morning at Sully Christian School! For more information, visit our website and click on the "events" tab.

Sully Christian School is seeking a full-time Kindergarten Teacher for the upcoming school year. Join our team in providing Christ-centered education while helping our youngest learners grow in not just academic knowledge, but also in the knowledge of Christ! For information, please visit our website and click on the "employment opportunities" tab.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **2026 Love INC Gala** will be Friday, March 27, at Gateway Nazarene Church in Oskaloosa. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for a social time, and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP by March 20 (641-676-3750; events@loveincmahaska.org). Allergy friendly meals are available upon request with RSVP. New building progress tours will be offered 4:30-5:30 p.m. at 1901 A Ave West. We are excited to share with you what God has done!

The **Pella Community Food Shelf** is grateful for your continued support of our mission. Your generosity makes it possible for us to faithfully serve our neighbors and ensure that families have access to the food they need. This month, our greatest need is breakfast items, including cereal, granola bars, oatmeal, pancake mix, and syrup. Breakfast foods are especially helpful for families with children, and these items move quickly off our shelves. Any donations you are able to provide are deeply appreciated.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: The New Testament Gospels all include the account of a woman who interrupts a dinner party and pours out a precious perfume to anoint Jesus (Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8). The disciples are offended at the intrusion. Jesus calls it a fitting tribute to his love, and a preparation for the way he will lay down his life. This week be mindful of incidents that interrupt your plans, or of individuals who intrude on your time and space. See each one as a divinely orchestrated opportunity to reorient your attention to the Savior who poured out his life for you. (www.crcna.org/Thrive)