

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	
Opening Prayer		
* Call to Worship	Psalm 64:9-10 (p. 562)	
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	Gray 501
Call to Confession	Isaiah 55:6-8 (p. 718)	
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon	Psalm 34:17-19, 22 (p. 545)	
* Song of Response	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	Gray 481
God's Will for Our Lives	Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 73)	
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Pella Christian High School <i>Give Thanks</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Blessed Jesus, at Your Word</i>	Gray 280
* Scripture	Luke 6:12-26 (p. 998)	
Sermon	Woeful Blessings	
* Song of Dedication	<i>My Song Forever Shall Record</i>	Gray 593:1-4
* Sending & Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>My Song Forever Shall Record</i>	Gray 593:5
* Postlude	<i>You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim!</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
4:55 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service	<i>We Have Come into His House</i> <i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i> <i>Take the Name of Jesus with You</i> <i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Blue 224 Blue 225 Blue 235:1,3,4 Blue 305:1,3,4
Opening Prayer		
* Call to Worship	Psalm 111:1-3, 10 (p. 595)	
* 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)	
Moment in Missions		
Evening Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Mahaska Area Food Cupboard <i>The Love of God</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Sing Praise to Our Creator</i>	Gray 147:1,3,4,5
* Scripture	Mark 12:28-34 (p. 983)	
Sermon	Love and the Law	
* Song of Dedication	<i>How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?</i>	Gray 584
* Sending & Benediction		
* Doxology	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	Gray 635
* Postlude	<i>O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

September 6, 2026

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "All mankind will fear; they will proclaim the works of God and ponder what he has done. Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him; let all the upright in heart praise him!" Psalm 64:9-10 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Mark & Linda Franje Doug & Barb Vande Voort	Bob & Deb Bruxvoort Sue Van Ee & Kathy Franje
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Judy Rozenboom; Ippel - Jana Rozendaal; Mark & JinHee - David Swinney	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Sandy Fynaardt	Linda Franje Sarah Vande Voort
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Marleigh De Boer, Eleanor Fynaardt p.m. Amber Fynaardt, Greta Vos	a.m. Davona Fynaardt, Brady Van Wyngarden p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Logan Roos
Offering	a.m. Pella Christian High School p.m. Mahaska Area Food Cupboard	a.m. Thrive: Chaplaincy p.m. Resonate Global Mission

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: World Renew for the purchase of animals to help families of least developed countries provide a sustainable food source/income.

Our evening offering is for **Mahaska Area Food Cupboard**, formerly known as the Ecumenical Cupboard.

We welcome **Pastor Mark** as he worships with us this evening. He will give a brief presentation during the service, as well as a time for questions/answers following.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Kick-Off at Suzy Veenstra's home (supper provided)
7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. Website Committee Meeting
Friday 4:30 p.m. Cadets Father-Son Campout at Lower Grove
Saturday 8:00 a.m. Ladies' Breakfast & Bible Study Organizational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your **church mailbox** today is an updated, corrected college student/young adult address list.

Family visits scheduled for this week follow. All calls will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

- Sep 9, Fopma & Reitsma: Grant Fynaardt, Mary Roose
- Sep 10, Bouwkamp & Fopma: Vera Franje, Isaac Vander Hart
- Sep 10, Pastor & Vander Hart: Calvin Bandstra, Dona Fynaardt

At our family visits, the elders will be focusing on Romans 12:9-13. Thank you for taking the time to reflect on this passage. Topics for discussion may include one or more of the following questions:

- While Paul endured several afflictions, even one which God would not take away, he viewed God as the source of ultimate comfort. Have you found that to be true? Have you had opportunity to offer comfort to others?

- Is it difficult to be joyful in trials, even when God requires it?
- Which of these admonitions are easiest to put into practice? Which ones take more effort? In what ways could our church family encourage one another to carry out these admonitions?

All ladies of all ages are invited to a breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, September 12, 8:00 a.m., in the church basement. We'll be discussing the organization of one or more **ladies' Bible study groups** for the fall. Contact Sandy Vander Hart with questions.

Pastor David will lead an **Adult Church School** beginning next Sunday, September 13. A handout is available on the west basement table today. Please pick up one and plan to join us!

Bible Searchers will begin a new season on September 15, and we invite all women to join us for Bible study and fellowship! Please contact Sandy Vander Hart TODAY if you plan to attend so that an appropriate number of study materials can be ordered.

AUGUST RECEIPTS:

Many Hands	\$853.00	Missionary Support	\$3,523.00
Roseland Christian Ministries	784.00	Joshua Christian Academy	722.00
Siem Reap Children of Promise Orphanage	1,828.35	Love INC	1,087.00
Cary Christian Center	740.00	Rehoboth Christian School	746.00
Resonate Global Mission	809.00	Church School	36.97
Pella Area Teams To Honduras	853.00	Building Fund	150.00
		General Fund	20,635.00

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2026 General Fund budget obligation:	\$18,649.50
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2026 General Fund budget obligation:	\$149,196.00
Year-to-date 2026 General Fund budget receipts:	\$107,959.87

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Sep 13 a.m. Thrive: Chaplaincy	p.m. Resonate Global Mission
Sep 20 a.m. World Renew Disaster Response Services	p.m. Safe Water International Ministries
Sep 27 a.m. Peoria Christian School General Fund	p.m. Focus on the Family
Oct 4 a.m. Pella Christian Schools	p.m. Liberia / Ivory Coast Ministry

SEPTEMBER USHERS:

East Door	a.m.: Brady Van Wyngarden, Andrew Veenstra
	p.m.: Carl De Jong, Bret Fynaardt
West Door	a.m.: Ethan Klyn; p.m.: Jim Warden
Elevator	a.m.: Ernie Roose; p.m.: Gary Jochems
Substitute	a.m.: Dan De Bruin; p.m.: Jim De Bruin

CHURCH FAMILY

Wyatt Roos had surgery on Saturday at the University of Iowa Hospital to clean wounds from a dirt bike accident. Please pray for good healing and relief from pain.

We give thanks to God with **Rachel Vander Molen** on the occasion of her 88th birthday on September 9.

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Peoria Christian School Circle** is partnering with La Rose Marie Bakery to sell **cupcakes** for our fall fundraiser. All cupcake packs offered come with six delicious cupcakes. Contact a Peoria Christian student to learn what is available and to place an order. Orders with payment are due by September 15, and pick-up will be Friday, September 25, 3:00-5:30 p.m., in the school gym. Checks should be written to Peoria Christian School Circle. For more information or to place an order, please contact Jana Laverman (641-660-5987; janalaverman@gmail.com). Thank you for helping support Peoria Christian School!

Peoria Christian School 7th/8th grade students are once again selling **value cards**. These cards contain discounts from a 18 Pella area businesses. Cost is \$15 for one card or \$40 for three cards. Contact a 7th/8th grade student or stop in the office to purchase your value cards.

On September 10, at 6:00 p.m., **Pella Christian Schools** will host an **information session for prospective board trustees and board committee members**. Anyone interested in serving the school in one of these capacities or learning more is encouraged to attend. The event will be held in the Pella Christian High School Library.

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR: Meet admissions personnel, gather important financial aid information, and explore a wide variety of Christian colleges and universities. Join us at Pella Christian High School on Monday, September 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. All college-bound students and their families are welcome. Admission is free. Registration in advance is highly recommended. Visit <https://www.findyourchristiancollege.com/college-fairs/pella-area-ia-christian-college-fair> or contact Trixanna Wang (wangt@pcealges.org) with questions.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **installation service for Rev. Josh Christoffels** will take place at Oskaloosa Bethel CRC on Sunday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m. Classis churches and pastors are invited to join with the congregation as we celebrate the beginning of Pastor Josh's ministry at Bethel.

Ladies! Plans are underway for this year's season of **Coffee Break Ministry** at Calvary CRC. Morning Coffee Break meets from 9:45-11:15 on Tuesdays, starting with our Kickoff on September 15. Then on September 22, Morning Coffee Break will begin our year with a study of the book of James, followed by a Ray Vander Laan study on Discipleship. All supplies are provided. No prior Bible knowledge is needed. Nursery and Children's Program is provided for children up to 6 years old. If a morning schedule does not work for you, Calvary also hosts an Evening Coffee Break on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:30. The Evening Coffee Break begins on September 21 with the study "Questions God Asks." We hope to see you at Coffee Break!

This Thursday is the deadline to register for the **Bible League Retreat, Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil**, to be held on September 17 at Pella Calvary CRC. Be inspired by speaker Gayle Haas as she dramatizes the life of Corrie Ten Boom, and enjoy powerful ministry updates and uplifting worship. Don't miss this opportunity for inspiration and connection. Register by Thursday, September 10 at www.bibleleague.org/tickets.

The **Pella Community Food Shelf** thanks you for your faithful support through donations, volunteering, and prayer which allows us to continue serving our neighbors with compassion and dignity. We are grateful for each congregation that faithfully walks alongside us in this ministry. As we move into the fall season, we are currently in greatest need of soup and crackers. These are staple items that are requested often and help us keep our shelves stocked for the families we serve. Any donations of these items are greatly appreciated.

Throughout the summer, the **Pella Community Food Shelf** has been blessed to host a **community meal** twice each month. As we move into the fall and winter, we will transition to one community meal on the first Monday of each month from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Upcoming meals are scheduled for September 7 and October 5. The meals are free and open to everyone, providing an opportunity for food, fellowship, and connection within our community.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE: Join us April 2-12, 2027, as we travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima (616-328-3110; weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How might you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, or send a card. Pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts. (www.crcna.org/Thrive)