

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	
Opening Prayer		
* Call to Worship	Psalm 66:1-4, 8 (p. 563)	
* God's Greeting		
* Song of Praise	<i>How Lovely Is Your Dwelling</i>	Gray 243
Call to Confession	Galatians 6:7-8 (p. 1132)	
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon	Psalm 31:19-24 (p. 543)	
God's Will for Our Lives	Responsive Reading of God's Law (Gray p. 1017)	
* Song of Response	<i>Before the Throne of God Above</i>	Song Sheet
Congregational Prayer		
Offering Offertory	Thrive: Chaplaincy <i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i>	
* Song of Preparation	<i>Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid</i>	Gray 425
* Scripture	Luke 6:27-36 (p. 999)	
Sermon	Risky Love	
* Song of Dedication	<i>Christian Hearts in Love United</i>	Gray 513
* Benediction	Numbers 6:24-26 (p. 135)	
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Gray 638
* Postlude	<i>How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings</i>	

* *Please stand, if able*

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
5:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship Psalm 113 (p. 596)

* God's Greeting

* Song of Praise *O God, to Us Show Mercy* **Gray 67**

* Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 34, Q/A 92-93 (Gray p. 903)

Responsive Reading Proverbs 3:21-35 (p. 618)

Evening Prayer (requests invited)

Offering Resonate Global Mission

Catechism Lesson Lord's Day 34, Q/A 94-95 (Gray p. 905)

* Song of Preparation *Break Now the Bread of Life* **Gray 282**

* Scripture 1 Corinthians 10:14 - 11:1 (p. 1112)

Sermon **The First Commandment**

* Song of Dedication *Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise* **Gray 96**

* Sending & Benediction

* Doxology *Abide with Us, Our Savior* **Gray 565**

* Postlude

** Please stand, if able*

September 13, 2026

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are thankful for another opportunity to gather for worship, to hear God's Word, and to fellowship together.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Bob & Deb Bruxvoort Sue Van Ee & Kathy Franje	Adam Fynaardt family Henry & Sarah Vande Voort
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Nancy Terpstra; Ippel - Matt Vander Hart; Mark & JinHee - Sandy Vander Hart	
Morning Prayer Team	Linda Franje Sarah Vande Voort	Mark Franje Frank Reitsma
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Davona Fynaardt, Brady Van Wyngarden p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Logan Roos	a.m. Maria Fynaardt, Luke Fynaardt p.m. Pam Vander Linden, Quinten Veenstra
Offering	a.m. Thrive: Chaplaincy p.m. Resonate Global Mission	a.m. World Renew Disaster Response Services p.m. Safe Water International Ministries

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.

All are welcome to a time of **prayer** in Room 2 immediately following the evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GOLD
7:00 p.m. Youth Group
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Psalm 1
Saturday 8:30 a.m. Bible Searchers, Psalm 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Adult Church School will begin today in the Upper Room. A chairlift has been installed for anyone that may need it. Someone will be there to show how it is used, as well as offer a strong arm to lean on for any who may need assistance navigating the stairs.

PARENTS, please make sure your children understand the **chairlift** is not to be used for "joy rides". It is equipment with a purpose that is to be maintained for those who truly need it. Thank you!

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

- Sep 14, Fynaardt & Reitsma: Marge Fynaardt, Russ Fynaardt
- Sep 15, Pastor & Vander Hart: Spencer Fynaardt, Henry Vande Voort
- Sep 17, Fopma & Fynaardt: Ruth Vande Voort, Matt Vander Hart
- Sep 17, Franje & Reitsma: Dennis Van Wyk, Leon Veldhuizen

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?

Classis Central Plains will meet this coming Friday and Saturday at Prairie City CRC. Our delegates are Pastor David Swinney, Elder Frank Reitsma, and Deacon Dennis Veenstra. The agenda and prayer/praise list submitted by all Classis churches is available on our church's website (www.peoriacrc.org). Click on *Resources ~ Classis Materials*.

Plan to join us for a **fellowship dinner** next Sunday, September 20, beginning at noon in the gym. Bring hot and cold dishes according to the needs of your family. Beverages will be provided.

All Peoria CRC men:

- We look forward to starting our **Bible studies** soon! Our first sessions will be Tuesday, September 22, at 1:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m., at Peoria church. The two sessions will cover the same material so come to whichever session best fits your schedule . . . and if in a given week you can't make your "regular" time, please attend the other! We plan to meet every two weeks. Pastor David will lead one session and Jared Luttjeboer the other, using as our guide the book, *The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith* by RC Sproul. Please pick up your book from the center table in the basement and read the Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to the first meeting you attend – the chapters are very short! On behalf of the Council, we very much look forward to gathering together men of all ages to build each other up in the faith!
- Plan to join us for a monthly **breakfast and fellowship**. The first one is Saturday, October 3, 7:00 a.m., in the church basement.

Ladies, there are Bible study opportunities for you, too! **Bible Searchers** will meet the first and third Thursday evenings AND the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. If in a given week your usual meeting time doesn't work, feel free to attend the other. We will be using *Dwell: Thirty Days with God in the Psalms* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. Books have been ordered, but copies of the first lesson are in the church mailboxes of all ladies who indicated interest. Extra copies are available from Jan Warden. We look forward to beginning this week and hope many of you can join together in study and fellowship!

ANNUAL REMINDERS:

- Do you enjoy the **photos** that are posted on our church's Facebook page or used in the end-of-year video? If so, please snap some photos occasionally at church activities in which you are involved and send them to Deb Bruxvoort (rdbrux@bruxvoortag.com). Thank you for your help with this!
- **PRIVACY NOTICE:** Photos of church activities are occasionally posted on the church web site or Facebook page. Perhaps it is your desire to not be included in displays of group photos and/or photos of you or your family (with or without names attached). If so, please contact Deb Bruxvoort with your preferences.
- Each week, the **church website calendar** is e-mailed to all with e-mail addresses. If you have mistakenly "unsubscribed" from this service and would like to continue receiving these weekly reminders, or if you would like to be added to this list, please contact Kathy Franje.
- All **prayer requests** are shared via e-mail. If you do not have e-mail access and wish to receive a phone call when prayer requests are shared; or if you are willing to help make phone calls to pass along prayer requests, please contact Helen De Jong and the proper arrangements will be made.
- Some of you may wish to update your picture in our church's **website photo directory**. If you have forgotten how to access, see instructions on page 1 of your print church directory. If you have a newer photo you wish to share, please e-mail to Deb Bruxvoort or Kathy Franje, or place a print in their church mailbox (it will be returned). If you would like help from a "resident photographer", we can arrange for a quick picture of you after a worship service.

CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to **Dona Fynaardt** and **Marge Fynaardt** in the death of their brother-in-law, Bill Heethuis. May God provide His comfort and peace through the gospel hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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.

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 this afternoon 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.

The **Bible League Retreat** is this Thursday, September 17. Doors open at Pella Calvary CRC at 8:45 a.m., so plan to arrive early to allow for time to sign in, have coffee and fellowship, and to interact with our speaker, Gayle Haas, who will already be portraying her character, Corrie Ten Boom. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

Cary Christian Center needs your help! CAN WE FILL A SEMI-TRAILER IN ONE DAY? We are planning a "Fill the Cary Truck" on October 10. Needs include furniture, appliances in working order, clothes, and household items (including seasonal decorations). These can be good used items, but no broken items, please. We do not want to send donations that we would not want to use ourselves. Some of these items will be used by people that are still rebuilding from a tornado three years ago. We will be collecting your donations on October 9, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; and October 10, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Pella Faith CRC (please use the west door). Volunteers will collect your items and pack them on the truck. Please contact Jean DeWaard (jeandewaard4@gmail.com) with any questions.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: It's Grandparents' Day today! Invite the Christian grandparents in your life (both official and honorary) to share stories of how God has worked in their lives. Making space for these stories honors the elders in your family and encourages younger family members in their walk with Jesus. (www.crcna.org/Thrive)