

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**March 7, 2021**

**9:30 A.M.**

Prelude ..... *Greatness Medley*...Andrea Van Waardhuizen, Organist  
*Ode to Joy* .....Antonia Zylstra, Pianist  
*10,000 Reasons* .....Aurelia Zylstra, Pianist

**OPENING AND GREETING**

Welcome and Announcements ..... Elder Jim Gosselink  
Call to Worship.....  
Opening Prayer.....

**PRAISE TO GOD**

\*Sing ..... *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*..... led by Worship Team  
Robert Rus, Trumpeter  
\*Sing ..... *Lord, I Need You* .....  
GEMS Litany.....  
GEMS Summary and Slideshow ..... Katie Magnussen  
Congregational Prayer .....

**GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Verse .....Galatians 6:9  
Pew Bibles - page 1816  
Sermon.....“**Never Give Up**” ..... Rev. Dustin DeBoef  
Prayer.....

**RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

Sing ..... *Lord, I Need You* .....  
\*Blessing .....  
\*Sing ..... *We Receive Your Blessing*.....  
Offering, as you leave..... Cornerstone GEMS  
\*Postlude .....

\* = Please stand if able.

**OFFERINGS:** March 14: International Justice Mission; March 21: Pella Food Shelf; March 28: ReFrame Ministries (formerly known as Back to God Ministries International)  
**NURSERY:** Today: Regina Vaverka, Jeanetta Nieuwsma; March 14: April Nieuwsma, Taylor Vande Voort



**TODAY:** We welcome Rev. Dustin DeBoef, who will be preaching this morning while Pastor Paul is on vacation.  
Church School will meet from 10:45-11:05 a.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour!  
There will be no Church School on March 14 or March 21.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Today is Martha Slings’ 103rd birthday. Happy Birthday, Martha!  
Pray for safety as Pastor Paul and Tammy are traveling back from vacation in Texas. Also pray for their son David, who was hospitalized with a serious kidney infection this past week.

“The family of Edith Van Zee thanks Pastor Bradford and the congregation for their expressions of sympathy through cards, calls, food, and for all acts of kindness, thoughts and prayers shown before and after Edith’s passing.” - John Van Zee

**WEDNESDAY:** Christian Fellowship Hour will meet at 1:30 p.m.

**PINEWOOD DERBY RACES:** The congregation is invited to attend our church’s pinewood derby car races this Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pella Christian Grade School’s Legacy Gym. Please bring your car at 6:30 p.m. to get weighed in. The GEMS will be providing ice cream sandwiches after the races.

**ADULT CHOIR’S** next rehearsal will be Sunday, March 21, 10:35-11:30 a.m.

**LIVE VIDEO:** During this morning’s service a live video with audio of the service is projected on a large screen TV in the Fellowship Hall in the basement for parents or others who need to leave during the service. Restrooms are available downstairs. Our services are also live streamed and recorded each Sunday on YouTube, at [bit.ly/Pella2](http://bit.ly/Pella2).

**JUNK E-MAIL:** Please check your Junk E-mail or Spam for e-mails from Cornerstonepella. Since the e-mail address update, several people have reported receiving Cornerstone e-mails in Junk e-mail. To prevent this from happening, please add [cornerstonepella.org](mailto:cornerstonepella.org) e-mail addresses to your contacts or safe senders list.

**UPDATED PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS:** We praise God for the decline in new coronavirus cases in Iowa over the past several weeks. In light of this trend and the continuing vaccine distribution, pandemic precautions have been updated. These changes were made in consideration of other Pella area church responses and feedback from the congregation. The following guidelines are effective immediately:

- Masks are now recommended, but not required, to be worn during singing and any other time when six feet social distancing is not feasible.
- At the end of worship services, ushers will no longer dismiss by bench. Instead, when exiting, please maintain social distancing between family groups.
- The benches that are currently blocked-off will remain closed at this time.
- According to CDC guidelines, if you have coronavirus symptoms or been exposed to someone with coronavirus, please refrain from attending worship services and church activities.

Thank you for accommodating the precautions over the past several months. Please join us in praying for a continued decrease in coronavirus cases and effective vaccine distribution. We pray that precautions can be further reduced in the near future. – Governing Board

**ORGAN DVD:** A DVD of our organists playing some “favorites” on our current organ is planned to be produced before May 16. If you are interested in ordering a DVD, please contact Andrea Van Waardhuizen (andreavanw@gmail.com or 641-660-9451).

**OFFERING:** Our offering today will go to the “Cornerstone GEMS”. Our offering March 14 will go to “International Justice Mission”. Undesignated cash or check offerings go towards the mission or organization of the week. If you desire to contribute to Cornerstone Church and its ministries, simply write “Cornerstone” on the memo line of your check. You can also give online by scanning the QR code to the right or by going online to [cornerstonepella.breezechms.com/give/online](http://cornerstonepella.breezechms.com/give/online).



For those not in attendance for any reason, the below options will remain available:

1. Online – By logging into Breeze and clicking “Give Now” any member can donate through ACH transfer or Credit/Debit Card.
2. Mail – Checks may be mailed to the church (Cornerstone Church, 609 East 1st St., Pella, IA 50219). Please indicate “Attention Deacons” on the envelope.
3. Drop Off – Donations may be dropped off in the slot in the deacon door at the base of the NW stairs. The door on the southwest side of the church is planned to be open during office hours. Feel free to call ahead (628-2966) to make sure the door is unlocked.

**PCHS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Pella Christian High School will conclude their successful theatre season on March 26 & 27 with Reginald Rose’s powerful court drama, Twelve Angry Jurors, under the direction of Marlo Van Peursem. The drama depicts a jury forced to consider a homicide trial verdict that begins in a closed room after the closing arguments have been presented. At the beginning, they have a nearly unanimous decision of guilt, with a single dissenter of not-guilty, who throughout the play sows a seed of reasonable doubt. Reserved **tickets available for purchase on-line beginning March 8.**

The Pella Christian FFA Year End Banquet will be held on Friday, March 26, at Federated Church at 6:00 p.m. in Pella. All parents and supporters are invited to join us for dinner and the awards ceremony! A silent auction will be held to raise funds to support future Pella Christian FFA activities and projects, such as scholarships and service learning projects. To attend please RSVP by March 12th to Ms. Ellie Rethmeier at 641-521-7962 or email [ffa@pceagles.org](mailto:ffa@pceagles.org). We greatly appreciate your support and hope to see you at the Banquet!

Pella Christian High School Grandparents Day originally scheduled for April 15 has been cancelled.

**NOTE FROM THE HUYSEERS:** Many people have asked us about how we fared in the Texas arctic vortex. We are grateful that we never lost power or water, but there were many that did. We appreciate your prayer and concern for us and ask that you continue to pray for the many people still affected by the aftermath.

**NOTE FROM THE LE MAHIEU’s:** We are happy to report that everything was in place for our return to Papua New Guinea on February 20. Our COVID-19 tests were negative and we had approval from PNG to travel and quarantine in Ukarumpa. Plans were to arrive in PNG on February 24. Thank you for your prayers, well wishes and extra contributions toward our travel expenses. You have blessed us in many ways.

**CRC NEWS & PRAYER ITEMS**

**GROUNDWORK:** With Me in Paradise - Jesus speaks his third word from the cross to the man we usually call the penitent thief, who died on a cross next to Jesus. Join our Groundwork conversation on Luke 23:32-43 to discover how Jesus defines salvation in its simplest terms and the promise Jesus is ready to give us, if we make our request. Listen at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER:** Joining God’s Team - Like the people of the early church, we can follow God by helping our neighbors in need and coming together to praise him. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus told his disciples, “Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you.” Listen at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).