

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**September 5, 2021**

**9:30 A.M.**

Prelude .....*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* .....  
*What a Day That Will Be*  
*To God Be the Glory*  
Phyllis De Vries, Organist (recorded April, 2021)

**OPENING AND GREETING**

Welcome and Announcements .....  
Call to Worship.....  
Opening Prayer.....

**PRAISE TO GOD**

\*Sing .....*There Is Power in the Blood* ..... led by Worship Team  
\*Professing What We Believe - Excerpts from Belgic Confession, Art. 21: "The Atonement"  
\*Sing ..... *O Praise the Name*.....  
Congregational Prayer.....

**GOD'S WORD**

Sing ..... *Wonderful Words of Life* .....Celebration #406:1-3  
Scripture, read by Kathleen De Haan ..... Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25  
Pew Bibles page 1694; 1874  
Sermon..... **"The Gathering of Believers"** ..... Pastor Paul Bradford  
1st in Series: Courageous, Authentic Relationships  
Prayer.....

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Sing .....*There Is Power in the Blood* .....  
\*Blessing .....  
\*Offering, as you leave..... Freedom House  
\*Postlude ..... *Old Time Religion* .....Debbie Nelson, Pianist

\* = Please stand if able.

**OFFERINGS:** September 12: General Fund; September 19: Rehoboth Christian School; September 26: Christian Education Fund

**NURSERY:** Today: April Nieuwsma, Allison Van Wyngarden, Liam Nieuwsma; September 12: Taylor Vande Voort, Stephanie Roose, Alexis Vos

**DOOR GREETERS:** Today: Kurt and Emily Boender; September 12: Corey and Katie Magnussen

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE:** C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve  
Today: Crystal Schreur - C,J; Lisa Vos - C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra - S; September 12: Joyce Boender - C,J; Paula Klyn - C,J,S; Sharon Walker - C,S

**TODAY:** Our prelude music this morning is from a DVD that was recorded by our organists on our Dobson organ in April of this year. Even though that instrument was placed in a new church home in May, great progress is being made on the new organ for our new sanctuary!

We invite all visitors and all members of the congregation to a Fellowship Coffee downstairs immediately after the morning worship service.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** A Council Chat is planned for September 12 following the morning service.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** "I want to thank all those who made my 90th birthday special. To those who attended the Open House, sent cards and made calls, they were all much appreciated." - Ken Van Gent

**WEDNESDAY: Christian Fellowship Hour** starts its new season at 1:30 p.m. in the church basement. Pastor Paul will be leading the lessons. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us!

**GEMS** will start Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. We have a fun kick-off night planned and will meet out at the Cordova Tower. Please contact Katie Magnussen at kathrynmagnussen@gmail.com for more information or to sign your daughter up. We look forward to a great year learning how God is our unshakeable rock!

**2021-22 Cadet and Kingdom Kids Season Kickoff:** We will be having our kickoff party on September 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at West Market Park. Pizza and drinks will be provided, and the entire family is invited to attend.

**Adult Choir** rehearsal, 6:30-8:00 p.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/CornerstonePella.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:** Our Wednesday children's programs are starting soon! Please contact the leader of the group if you have any questions, or you'd like to sign up or if you'd like to volunteer to help.

Cadets - Jon Yoder at Yodes07@gmail.com

GEMS - Katie Magnussen at kathrynmagnussen@gmail.com

Kingdom Kids - Arlys Veenstra at vgrandma.2@gmail.com

Nursery - Sarah Christensen at sarah.christensen88@gmail.com

**OFFERING:** Our offering today will go to the "Freedom House". Our offering on September 12 will go to the "General Fund". 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.

**ORGAN CONCERT** by our "very own" Gerald Van Dusseldorp! Tune in to the live stream on Sunday, September 12, at 4:00 p.m. Central time - <https://boxcast.tv/view/geralds-organ-concert-550951?b=w3nyley1ur62yazkqrgm> for Gerald's "Let's Make Music Together" concert of praise to the Lord that will be held at Village Seven Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Colorado Springs. It will include works for organ, piano, brass, and congregational singing.

**BIBLE LEAGUE RETREAT:** On September 16 Bible League Volunteers host a retreat called Spreading the Fragrance of Life. You will be enriched with spiritual encouragement, joyful fellowship, and musical worship. Keynote speaker Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt will speak in multiple sessions. Also joining the retreat is Pastor Thony Ronaldo from Indonesia. To give you an opportunity to partner in providing Scripture engagement around the world, an offering will be taken for Bible League International ministry. There are registration folders on the table in the narthex. **Registration closes on September 6.**

**PELLA CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL BREAKFAST** is Saturday, September 18, 7:30-10:00 a.m. Join us for pancakes, sausage, cinnamon rolls and beverages. Free-will donations for the Eagles football team. Drive-through orders are available at the front of the school.

**LAKE VIEW OBSTACLE COURSE:** Lake View will host the 7th annual Blazing the Trails 5K Obstacle Course at the camp on Saturday, September 18. This year features a new course and several new obstacles! Come explore God's creation either on your own or bring a group! Free mini obstacle course for kids! More info and registration at [lakeviewconference.com/blazingthetrails](http://lakeviewconference.com/blazingthetrails). This is a fundraiser for our camping ministry and we also need volunteers to help out on race day - let us know if you can help!

**MOPS** of Pella and MOMSNext are kicking off our next year on Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Federated Fellowship. All moms (and expecting moms!) are welcome.

**FROM RYAN & JODY FABER:** Thank you for your faithful prayers for our family and our mission work. We are preparing to move to Zambia where Ryan will teach seminary students at Justo Mwale University (JMU). A spike in Covid-19 cases in Zambia this summer delayed submission of the application for our immigration permit by a month. Our application is currently being processed. We hope to arrive in Zambia before the end of September.

Thanksgiving: Give thanks for a peaceful presidential election and transfer of power in Zambia in August.

Give thanks for a decline in Covid-19 cases in Zambia.

Give thanks that JMU was approved to resume in-person classes in September.

Give thanks for the opportunity to travel to Canada in late August to visit family.

Requests: Please pray for smooth and timely processing of our immigration permit and visa applications.

Please pray for JMU faculty, staff, and students as a new term begins September 6. (Ryan will teach on-line for the first few weeks prior to our arrival in Zambia.)

Please pray for God's provision for JMU and its students. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased the financial challenges experienced by both the school and students.

Please pray for wisdom and strength as we prepare to move to Zambia. An international move with a family of nine is not for the faint of heart!

#### CRC NEWS AND PRAYER ITEMS

**GROUNDWORK:** Honor Your Parents and Authorities - Why does God care about our relationships? Join Groundwork as we study God's command in Exodus 20:12 to honor our fathers and mothers. Together we'll look to the whole of scripture to help us understand this command and how we can keep it in both healthy and broken relationships.

**KIDS CORNER:** God is With You - Have you ever been scared about a big math test, or starting a new school, or even about flying in an airplane? It's okay to be careful. But fear and worry can control our thoughts and actions. Listen at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).