



WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 11/26/23

SUNDAY SERVICE • 9:30 a.m.

TODAY

Nursery is available during the service.

All are invited to join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service.

Sunday School does not meet today.

Youth Group does not meet today.

TUESDAY

OTL (Out to Lunch) • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christian Fellowship Hour • 1:30 p.m., Lesson 10, Days 4 & 5

Kingdom Kids (K-1st Grade) • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

GEMS (2nd-8th Grade) • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Cadets (2nd-8th Grade) • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal • 6:30-8:15 p.m.

More information about activities on back of bulletin.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

*10,000 Reasons
For the Beauty of the Earth
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

OPENING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-24

PRAISE TO GOD

*Sing

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #139:1-3

Children's Message

Bev De Vries

Preparation for Communion

Congregational Prayer

*Sing

10,000 Reasons

GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-25; Matthew 5:6
Bibles pages 1587 & 1501

Sermon

"Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness"

Prayer

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Sing

Behold Our God/O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Hymn #196:1, 3, 4

*Blessing

*Offering, as you leave

New Life Prison Ministry

*Postlude

* = Please stand, if able.

Leading in Worship:

Interim Pastor: Paul Hoekstra; Pianist/Organist: Joyce Boender
Worship Team



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

OFFERINGS: December 3: Cornerstone Christian Education Fund; December 10: World Renew; December 17: Crossroads Prison Ministry; December 24: Bible League International; December 31: Calvin Theological Seminary

NURSERY: Today: Stephanie Roose, Regina Vaverka
Dec. 3: Sarah Christensen, Sarah Taber

DOOR GREETERS: Today: Wes & Arlys Veenstra, Will & Allison Van Wyngarden
Dec. 3: Will & Taylor Vande Voort, Zach & Stacia Veenstra

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve
Today: Terry McCombs – C,J,S; Debbie Nelson – C; Carla Nieuwsma – C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra – C,S
Dec. 3: Lois Slings – C,J,S; Megan Nieuwsma – C; Carol Ver Woert – C,J,S; Sharon Walker – C,S

TODAY: Welcome to Visitors! If we may reach out to you and you would like to know more about Cornerstone, please fill out a card found in the seatbacks, and put it in the offering plate as you leave.

There will be no Sunday School classes today.

NEXT SUNDAY: We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES: Two identical Candlelight Services are being planned for this Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, 6:00 p.m. Feel free to take invitation postcards from the seat backs and Fellowship Hall to personally deliver or mail!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CORNERSTONE MISSIONARIES: A Christmas card is a great way to encourage missionaries during the holiday season. We invite you to support our missionaries by placing a greeting card in the missionary Christmas card boxes. Boxes are in the fellowship area through Sunday, December 10, for Ryan & Jodi Faber, Joel & Jeannie Huyser, and Jodi Oppenhuizen. No envelopes are needed. Mission Outreach will handle the mailing. Thank you for your support of our missionaries. – Cornerstone Missions Team

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

1. 59 voting members were present at the meeting. Seven absentee votes were counted.
2. The budget for 2024 was approved as presented by the deacons.
3. Progress on Cadet building construction and landscape work were relayed to the congregation.
4. All Council nominees were confirmed by congregational vote.
5. Election of new Council members for 2024:
 - Deacon: Brian De Vries and Lance Nieuwsma
 - Shepherding Elder: Brent Pierson and Gerald Van Dusseldorp
 - Governing Board Elder: Levi Nieuwsma and Calvin Roose

PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION: Interim Pastor Paul Hoekstra's phone is (562) 396-8966; Ellen's phone is (562) 331-4656. Please answer if we call, even though it seems like we are calling from California. Our email address is pehoeks72@aol.com. Feel free to contact us any time.

AA BATTERIES are needed for our December 2 & 3 Candlelight Services. If you are willing to donate some, please place them in the box on the table by the west doors. See Barbara Boertje DeVries if you have questions.

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT PASTOR TOM: Pastor Tom Dykman recently informed us of his plans to travel to Sierra Leone in January to provide pastoral training to local church leaders. He requested financial support to cover items such as: training materials, traveling expenses, food for the trainees, and construction of a women's shelter. We as a congregation have an opportunity to contribute to this mission through a special offering. For those who would like to contribute, please enclose your offering in an envelope marked "Pastor Tom Dykman" and place in an offering plate. Checks can be made payable to Cornerstone Church. Envelopes will be accepted through December 10. Please note that this offering will not be tracked in your church giving record. – Cornerstone Deacons and Missions Team

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS: • Children's Christmas Program – Sunday, December 17, 9:30 a.m.
• Prayer Group – Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 a.m. (See Jeff Vander Molen for details.)

NEW LIFE PRISON CHURCH: Pastor Rick and Rose Admiraal have accepted a call to Lakeview Community Church in Greece, NY. They plan to move to New York in mid-December. Watch next week's bulletin for an open house information. The prison congregation will continue with the leadership of the New Life council. Please pray and support New Life during this time of transition.

HOW TO GIVE: 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 or by going online to <https://cornerstonepella.breezechms.com/give/online>.



1. Online – Log into Breeze, click "Give Now". Any member can donate through ACH transfer or Credit/Debit Card.
2. Mail – Mail checks to the church (1020 E. Oskaloosa St. Pella, IA 50219) with "Attention: Deacons" on envelope.

LEGACY OF GRACE DONATIONS: The Legacy of Grace Student Tuition Organization (LOG/STO) is once again actively seeking donations. LOG-STO is in its 17th year of existence for the purpose of raising funds to provide tuition scholarships for eligible students to attend a Christian school. This year the state of Iowa has again given the LOG-STO an opportunity to raise \$552,935 with a **75% tax credit on all donations** to this great cause. You can also increase the 75% benefit of your gift by donating stock, grain, and any possible Required Mandatory Distributions (RMDs) if you are at least 72 years of age. The donation form is available on the school website home page, scroll down to the LOG-STO box. Questions Contact Mike Vermeer at 641-780-8089.

PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Pella Christian Schools invite you to enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season at their upcoming Christmas Programs. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may we also live in anticipation of His second advent. All programs are held at Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium.

- Pella Christian Early Education Christmas Program, Thursday, December 7, 6:30 p.m. entitled "Jesus is the Light of the World", featuring 3's Preschool and 4's Preschool, 4/5's Spanish Immersion Preschool, and 5's Preschool.
- Pella Christian High School Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m. entitled "Sounds of Christmas", featuring PCHS band and choirs.
- Pella Christian Grade School Spanish Immersion Christmas Program, Thursday, December 14, 6:30 p.m., featuring Preschool through 5th graders in the Spanish Immersion program at PCGS.

PELLA'S 3RD ANNUAL KERSTMARKT PERFORMANCES: Pella Christian High Choir, Thursday, November 30, 2:30-3:00 p.m. around the market. Pella Christian High Band, Saturday, December 2, 12:30-1:00 p.m. around the market.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER: Pella Pro-life's Christmas Cookie Fundraiser is back by popular demand!! Contact Kayla Nelson at 641-660-6691 or email pellaprolifeweb@gmail.com between now and December 5 if you are willing to bake cookies or volunteer to help on Thursday, December 7. Contact Kayla with questions. The cookies will be available for purchase for \$15 for 3 dozen homemade pre-boxed Christmas cookies at Ulrich Meat Market on Thursday, December 7 from 12:00-5:30 p.m. (or until we run out of cookies).

PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL thanks all who helped make their Annual Fall Bazaar a Huge success! They also invite you to "The Christmas Story" presented by their students on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Peoria CRC.

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