



**WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/10/23**

**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 (3 yrs.-high school) • 10:50-11:35 a.m.

Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal for December 24 • 11:35 a.m.

Youth Group • 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church; supper provided.

**MONDAY**

Council Meeting • 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

Prayer Group • 6:00 a.m. (see Jeff Vander Molen for details.)

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

**WEDNESDAY**

Christian Fellowship Hour with Potluck Christmas Coffeetime • 1:30 p.m.

Kingdom Kids • 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 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

More information about activities on the back of the bulletin.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Prelude

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Wonder as I Wander*

Debbie Nelson, Piano

**OPENING AND GREETING**

Welcome and Announcements

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Call to Worship

**PRAISE TO GOD**

Lighting of Advent Candle – LOVE

Amanda & Owen Terpstra

Anthem

*An Advent Credo*

Adult Choir

Sing

*What a Glorious Night*

led by Worship Team

Children's Message

Bev De Vries

\*Sing

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn #244:1, 2

Hymn #277:1, 3

Hymn #250:1, 4

Congregational Prayer

\*Sing

*Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

**GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading

Malachi 4:1-2; Luke 1:78-79  
Bibles pages 1491 & 1590

Sermon

**"Come, Dayspring"**

Guest Preacher Bob Johnson

Prayer

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Sing

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Hymn #245:2

\*Blessing

\*Offering, as you leave

World Renew

\*Postlude

*Joy to the World*

\* = Please stand, if able.

# December 10, 2023 News and Announcements



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

**OFFERINGS:** December 17: Crossroads Prison Ministry; December 24: Bible League International; December 31: Calvin Theological Seminary

**NURSERY:** Today: Lois Beekhuizen, April Nieuwsma, Liam N.  
Dec. 17: Stacia Veenstra, Mary Van Haaften, Ciera R.

**DOOR GREETERS:** Today: Brian & Sara De Vries, Jon & Glenda Van Woerkom  
Dec. 17: Roger & Gayle Lamb, Bernie & Lois Beekhuizen

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE:** C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve

Today: Amy Bokhoven – C,J,S; Ruth Van Hal – C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra – C,S

Dec. 17: Bonnie Boot – C,J,S; Joyce Vander Molen – C,S; Allison Van Wyngarden – C,J; Sharon Walker – C,S

**TODAY:** A special welcome to Pastor Bob Johnson from First Church who will be preaching this morning.

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.

New Life Prison Church invites you to come say goodbye to Pastor Rick and Rose. There will be an Open House today, December 10 from 3:00-5:00 p.m., at the Calvary Youth House.

There will be a Harp Gathering at Second Reformed Church today at 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** The children's Christmas program will be presented as the morning worship service.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** "Thank you for all the congratulations, telephone calls and beautiful cards I received for my 90th birthday. They were much appreciated. May God bless you all." – Viola De Vries

**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 **today**, 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

**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 **today**, 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:**

- The December 24, 9:30 a.m. service will be our "Christmas" service.

**NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2024:** There will be a full Council meeting Monday evening, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Please plan on attending as we will have introductions and elect new officers for the upcoming year. You will only need to attend the first half of the meeting and be dismissed after this.

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER:** At their request, the memberships of Jason and Sharesa Van Arendonk, and their children Caleb, Adalynn and Nora, have been transferred to their new church home, Federated Fellowship of Pella.

**NEW MISSIONS OUTREACH WEBPAGE:** Check out the new Missions Outreach page on [cornerstonepella.org](http://cornerstonepella.org)! It has pictures of the missionaries we support through the Missions Fund, as well as descriptions of their work. On the Home page, go to the About menu and select Missions & Outreach. – Cornerstone Missions Outreach Team

**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](mailto:pehoeks72@aol.com). Feel free to contact us any time.

**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.

**SUPPORT THE 2024 PELLA CHRISTIAN MEN'S GOLF TEAM!** Bonnie and the kitchen staff will be preparing soup and cookies which will be for sale just in time for the holidays. The deadline to order will be Sunday, December 10. Pick-up will be Saturday, December 16 between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. at PCHS. Use the entrance on the east side of the school by the loading dock. Contact Tara Fransman for an order form or with any questions ([fransmant@pceagles.org](mailto:fransmant@pceagles.org)).

**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 at Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium.

- 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.

**CHAPEL:** Peoria Christian School invites everyone to join them in the gym on Thursday, December 14 at 8:30 a.m. for our monthly chapel. Mr. Joel Rietema is our scheduled speaker.

**WORLD RENEW:** This Christmas season, use the World Renew Gift Catalog to provide a gift for someone in the developing world. You can choose your gift by going online to [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts).

#### CRC NEWS AND PRAYER ITEMS

**GROUNDWORK:** Jesus: Our Mighty God – The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God". Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8 and Revelation 5:6, 11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER:** Promises and Peace – During Advent we remember the story of Mary, a teenager, called by God to be Jesus' mother. "How could this be?" she wondered at first. But the angel Gabriel assured Mary. "God's favor is on you," he said. "Anything is possible with God." Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "The Birth of Jesus".

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