

**CORNERSTONE WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023**

**TODAY**

Nursery is available during the service.  
 Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service.  
 Instrumental Ensemble • 10:40 a.m. in the Choir Room.  
 Youth Group • 4:00 p.m. at the church; supper provided.

**MONDAY**

Men's Bible Study • 6:00-7:00 a.m.  
 Perk Up • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Adult Choir • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**TODAY'S 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude *Carol of the Bells/Angels We Have Heard on High; Joy to the World*

**OPENING AND GREETING**

Welcome and Announcements Elder Will Van Wyngarden  
 Call to Worship and Opening Prayer  
 Lighting of Advent Candle - JOY Jerry Marble, Loren & Carla Dykstra

**Children's Christmas Program**

*Come on Ring Those Bells*

**Welcome**

Narrators: 8th Grade - Emily and Kynlee

**Symbols of Christmas - Preschool Class**

Star	Everly
Candy Cane	Theo
Gifts	Kasen, Nolan, Elsie
Evergreen Tree	Mason
Christmas Carolers	Everett
Christmas Candles and Lights	Mason
Christmas Bells	Chloe
Holly Berries	Logan
Nativity Scene	Lilia
Christmas Wreath	Lane
Bow	Tenley
Christmas Card	Serenity

Song *Away in a Manger*

**Christmas Acrostic - Kindergarten Class**

<b>C</b> is for the Child	Wyatt
<b>H</b> is for Hope	Joe
<b>R</b> is for Rejoice	Olivia
<b>I</b> is for Immanuel	Kaiden
<b>S</b> is for the Shepherds	Rhett
<b>T</b> is for the Three Wisemen	Graham
<b>M</b> is for Mary	Owen
<b>A</b> is for the Angels	Addilyn
<b>S</b> is for the Star	Addilyn

Song *Go Tell It on the Mountain*  
 \*Sing *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

Hymn #253:1

Preschoolers and Kindergarteners dismissed to sit with family.

Song

*Quiet Night in Bethlehem*  
*Away in a Manger*

Carli, Lydia, Leah, Caroline  
 Layton - Piano

Song

**Advent - 1st - 7th Grade**

Reader 1 - Lilah  
 Reader 2 - Logan  
 Reader 3 - Lydia  
 Reader 4 - Jayden  
 Reader 5 - Layton

Song

*Away in a Manger*  
*Silent Night*

Caroline and Paul, Emily - Violin  
 Liam - Trumpet

Song

Reader 6 - Aiden  
 Reader 7 - Aiden  
 Reader 8 - Jack  
 Reader 9 - Liam  
 Reader 10 - Garrett  
 Reader 11 - Leah  
 Reader 12 - Brock

Song

*Joy to the World*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Jack - Piano  
 Leah - Piano

Song

Reader 13 - Jonah  
 Reader 14 - Paul  
 Reader 15 - Austyn  
 Reader 16 - Ellet  
 Reader 17 - Kaiya  
 Reader 18 - Caroline

Song

*What Child Is This?*

Lydia - Clarinet

Reader 19 - Jackson  
 Reader 20 - Declan  
 Reader 21 - Cody  
 Reader 22 - Carli  
 Reader 23 - Luke  
 Reader 24 - Liam  
 Reader 25 - Noah

Sing

*We Three Kings*  
 Preschoolers and Kindergarteners, please come back to the stage.

Hymn #288:1

Song

*Happy Birthday Jesus*

\*Sing

*Joy to the World!* Hymn #270:1  
 Please pick up your children in the children's wing following the program.

Song

*Angels We Have heard on High* Emily - Violin  
 Thank you to everyone who helped make this program possible!

\*Blessing

\*Offering, as you leave

Crossroads Prison Ministry

\*Postlude

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring With the Song Children Sing*

Leading in Worship: Organist: Gerald Van Dusseldorp; Children's Program Directors: Linda Van Dyke, Susan Pierson, Paula Klyn, Regina Vaverka; Accompanists: Paula Klyn, Phyllis De Vries, Debbie Nelson

# December 17, 2023 News and Announcements



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

**OFFERINGS:** December 24: Bible League International; December 31: Calvin Theological Seminary

**NURSERY:** Today: Stacia Veenstra, Mary Van Haaften, Ciera R.  
Dec. 24: Brooke Van Woerkom, Taylor Vande Voort, Kynlee V. W.

**DOOR GREETERS:** Today: Roger & Gayle Lamb, Bernie & Lois Beekhuizen  
Dec. 24: Brent & Susan Pierson, Dennis & Bev De Vries

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE:** C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve  
Today: Bonnie Boot – C,J,S; Joyce Vander Molen – C,S; Allison Van Wyngarden – C,J; Sharon Walker – C,S  
Dec. 24: Barb Gosselink – C,J,S; Stephanie Roose – C,J; Mary Van Haaften – C,S; Lola Spoelstra – C,S

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Pastor Erik Kamp, Associate Pastor at Oskaloosa I CRC, will be preaching. This will be our "Christmas" service.

**MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY,** 6:00-7:00 a.m. at Cornerstone, studying Chapter 7, "He Would Not Listen" from 1 Kings 12:1-24.

**THANK YOU:** "Dear Cornerstone family, multiple thanks and appreciation for your most gracious support for our Sierra Leone ministry trip for Safe Place OUTREACH. Your generous gift last Sunday enabled us to order the materials to roof and enclose the Women's Shelter before the rainy season. We are also so grateful for the Bibles and teaching materials you have provided. I leave January 12; I look forward to sending you worship greetings from John-obie Village. Joyous Christmas blessings, for we have a Saviour." – Pastor Tom and Erin

The Cornerstone Missions Team also thanks all who donated to Pastor Tom's mission trip to Sierra Leone and ask you to keep Pastor Tom, Erin, and those he will be training in prayer. He plans to return on February 24.

**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.

**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.

**VAN/BUS DRIVER:** Peoria Christian School is in urgent need of a bus driver or people that are willing to drive the van again starting January 8. Please contact Sean Rozenboom (boomerstruckstuff@gmail.com) if you are willing to drive the bus. If you are willing to drive the van for mornings, afternoons, certain days of the week, or any combination thereof, please contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org).

**WORLD RENEW** provided Community Development assistance in Honduras when 421 children in Honduras received antiparasitics and were dewormed, thanks to gifts like yours that helped provide training to mothers in proper health practices.

#### CRC NEWS AND PRAYER ITEMS

**GROUNDWORK:** Jesus: Our Everlasting Father - Isaiah continued to reveal the nature of the Messiah when he called him the "Everlasting Father". Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 63:15-16, John 14:6-14, 1 John 1:1-4, and 1 John 3:1-3 to better understand how this revolutionary title reveals the nature of Jesus and discover the comfort and belonging offered to us in Jesus, our Everlasting Father. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com.

**KIDS CORNER:** The Shepherds' Joy - At the beginning of Luke 2 the shepherds were kind of like the last ones to be picked. They got the long and boring night shift job that nobody wanted to do: watch the stinky sheep. But God picked them for a special task the night Jesus was born. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Shepherds".

**RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION:** We need a short-term accountant in Nigeria - Resonate Global Mission is looking for an accountant to serve for 2-3 weeks in Nigeria. You'll be working with our Nigeria Business Manager to update the accounting system to help our mission run more smoothly This is a great opportunity to use your gifts and skills to join God on mission. Time frame for serving is flexible. Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/accounting](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/accounting).

**THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP** - "...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject).



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