



WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/03/23

SUNDAY SERVICE • 9:30 a.m.

TODAY

Nursery is available during the service.
 C4C (Children for Christ) (3 yrs.-Preschool) are dismissed when indicated on the screen.
 Visitors are welcome! Parents may pick up their child in the preschool room after 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.
 Candlelight Service • 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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 back of bulletin.

WORSHIP SERVICE

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude *An Advent Medley* Phyllis De Vries, Organ
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Ruth Stevenson, Piano
Hark the Glad Sound

OPENING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements
 *God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting
 *Call to Worship

Psalm 147:11

PRAISE TO GOD

Lighting of Advent Candle - HOPE Brian, Sara, Garrett, Graham & Grayson De Vries
 Sing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymn #245:1 - Solo, *2-4 - All Led by Worship Team

Congregational Prayer, ending with "The Lord's Prayer"

*Sing *Emmanuel* Hymn #243

GOD'S WORD

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #14, Q&A 35-36
 Scripture Reading Matthew 5:5; Luke 1:26-38
 Bibles pages 1501; 1588

Sermon **"Nothing Is Impossible with God"** Interim Pastor Paul Hoekstra

Prayer
 *Sing *There Is a Redeemer* Hymn #308:1-2

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

COMMUNION
 *Sing *There Is a Redeemer* Hymn #308:3

*Blessing
 *Offering, as you leave Cornerstone Christian Education Fund
 *Postlude
 * = Please stand, if able.

December 03, 2023 News and Announcements



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

OFFERINGS: December 10: World Renew; December 17: Crossroads Prison Ministry; December 24: Bible League International; December 31: Calvin Theological Seminary

NURSERY: Today: Sarah Christensen, Sarah Taber
Dec. 10: Lois Beekhuizen, April Nieuwsma, Liam N.

DOOR GREETERS: Today: Will & Taylor Vande Voort, Zach & Stacia Veenstra
Dec. 10: Brian & Sara De Vries, Jon & Glenda Van Woerkom

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve
Today: Lois Slings - C,J,S; Megan Nieuwsma - C; Carol Ver Woert - C,J,S; Sharon Walker - C,S
Dec. 10: Amy Bokhoven - C,J,S; Ruth Van Hal - C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra - 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.

This morning we look forward to partaking of the Lord's Supper. We joyfully anticipate receiving the benefits of Christ's salvation as we receive the bread and cup in faith. If you have put your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and are seeking to faithfully follow him, you are welcome to join us at the table.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pastor Bob Johnson from First Church will be preaching next Sunday. Pastor Paul and Ellen will be gone from December 8 through January 12 or 13.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: If you didn't attend last evening's Candlelight Service, please join us in the sanctuary at 6:00 this evening! You are encouraged to carpool to make more room for our guests.

MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 6:00-7:00 a.m. at Cornerstone, studying Chapter 6 in "Being Good Stewards of God's Gifts" on 1 Kings 11, "The Foolish Wise Man".

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 next 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

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

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

NEW LIFE PRISON CHURCH invites you to come say goodbye to Pastor Rick and Rose. There will be an Open House on Sunday, December 10 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Youth House.

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.

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, decorating, setting up and boxing cookies. 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, 715 Franklin St. on Thursday, December 7 from 12:00-5:30 p.m. (or until we run out of cookies).

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).

PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL invites you to "The Christmas Story" presented by their students on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Peoria CRC. Using instruments and voices our students will share the beautiful Christmas story.

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