



WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/31/23

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 will resume on January 7.

WEDNESDAY

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.
 Gym night at PCGS Gym
 Adult Choir Rehearsal • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

More information about activities on the back of the bulletin.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

*Find Us Faithful
 He Leadeth Me
 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
 O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Phyllis De Vries, Organ

OPENING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

PRAISE TO GOD

*Sing

*Angels from the Realms of Glory / Emmanuel
 Light of the Stable*

Song

Christmas Offering

Worship Team

Congregational Prayer

Response, singing

Be near us, Lord Jesus, we ask You to stay
 Close by us forever, and love us, we pray.
 Bless our congregation in Your tender care.
 And fit us for heaven, to live with You there.

Professing What We Believe

"The Apostles' Creed"

*Sing

Living Hope

GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-13
 Bibles page #5

Sermon

"Where Are You?"

Dave Stevenson

Prayer

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Sing

*As the Old Year Passes / *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*Blessing

*Offering, as you leave

Calvin Theological Seminary

*Postlude

* = Please stand, if able.

December 31, 2023 News and Announcements



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

OFFERINGS: January 7: Cornerstone General Fund; January 14: Rehoboth Christian School; January 21: Hope Ministries; January 28: Cornerstone Missions Fund

NURSERY: Today: Kayla Jiskoot, Allison Van Wyngarden, Alexis V.
Jan. 7: Kim Hoekstra, Brent Pierson

DOOR GREETERS: Today: Brian & Glenda Van Kooten, Brent & Lisa Van Kooten
Jan 7: Brooke Van Woerkom, Craig & Sarah Roose

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve
Today: Lois Beekhuizen - C,J,S; Sheryl Goodyk - C; April Nieuwsma - C,J,S; Sharon Walker - C,S
Jan. 7: Laura Branderhorst - C,S; Sarah Van Zee - C,J; Arlys Veenstra - C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra

TODAY: Dave Stevenson will be preaching 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.

Sunday School classes do not meet. They will resume on January 7.

NEXT SUNDAY: Dan Van Kooten, a chaplain at Vermeer Manufacturing who is "bringing Christ to the people right where they are", will be preaching next Sunday, January 7.

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POINSETTIAS: This year we purchased live poinsettias for decorating for the Christmas season. After the morning service today, they will be free for the taking. They will be placed in the west hallway near the doors - you are welcome to take any of them if you would like.

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.

TODAY DEVOTIONALS for January/February and Prayer Guides for January are in the rack on the mailboxes. You are encouraged to pick up a copy.

"THANK YOU, friends at Cornerstone, for the wonderful Christmas cards. We are so thrilled to partner with you in the Gospel. We wish each of you a joyous Christmas." - Joel and Jeannie Huyser

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.

UPCOMING EVENT FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

• Prayer Group – Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 a.m. (See Jeff Vander Molen for details.)

PRAYING FOR PCHS: Pella Christian High School supporters are encouraged to uplift our students and staff through a night of prayer at PCHS on Thursday, January 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a come-and-go event. Prayer requests will be written within classrooms to help guide the prayers of those that attend.

FROM RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: Dear friends at Cornerstone Church, Thank you for helping people around the world discover the life-changing power of Jesus! The work of introducing a person to the gospel can take a long time. Your missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders depend on congregations like yours to have a sustainable ministry. Thank you for giving them the opportunity to walk alongside those they minister to! I also want you to remember that mission work brings us together as a denomination. It is an encouraging reminder of what we can accomplish as the body of Christ across North America. – Kevin DeRaaf, Director

CRC NEWS AND PRAYER ITEMS

GROUNDWORK: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope – Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER: Big Plans – Do you like to make plans? By making plans, you can be excited about what's coming and anticipate what you may need to prepare. But did you know God has made even bigger plans for you? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP – Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul – eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject.

GIVING THANKS AT CHRISTMAS – Thank you for sharing God's love through the World Renew Gift Catalog during Advent. Your donation of a chicken, water filter, or goat can be a miracle for people who face poverty and hunger. You can also give in the New Year! Go to worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972. Thank you!

Lord
you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations
Psalm: 90:1

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