



**WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 3/17/24**

**SUNDAY SERVICE • 9:30 a.m.**

**TODAY**

Nursery is available during the service.  
 Children's Choir - Immediately after worship (during Congregational Meeting), children will gather in the Children's Wing for refreshments and to practice the March 24 anthem. After the meeting, they will practice the anthem in the sanctuary with the Adult Choir.  
 Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service.  
 All are invited to join us for Fellowship Coffee following the Congregational Meeting.  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal immediately after Congregational Meeting, and at 5:15 p.m.  
 Praise & Worship Program to benefit Mobility Worldwide • 6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY**

Perk Up • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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**

Prelude

*The Power of the Cross*  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
*Lamb of God*

Debbie Nelson, Piano

**OPENING AND GREETING**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

**PRAISE TO GOD**

\*Sing

*Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim*  
*Holy Spirit, Rain Down*

led by Worship Team

Children's Message

Brent Pierson

Congregational Prayer

Elder Jeff Vander Molen

\*Sing

*Let All Things Now Living*

Hymn #794:1-2

**GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:15-17  
 Bibles page 1835

Sermon

**"We Believe in Gratitude"** Interim Pastor Paul Hoekstra

Prayer

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Sing

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

\*Blessing

\*Sing

*Lead Me, Guide Me* Chorus

Congregational Meeting

\*Offering, as you leave

New Life Prison Ministry

\* = Please stand, if able.

# March 17, 2024 News and Announcements



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

**OFFERINGS:** March 24: ReFrame Ministries; March 29 (Good Friday): World Renew; March 31: Cornerstone Missions Fund

**NURSERY:** Today: Brooke Van Woerkom, Kayla Jiskoot  
March 24: Brent Pierson, Allison Van Wyngarden

**DOOR GREETERS:** Today: Jeff & Kim Vander Molen, Craig & Sarah Roose  
March 24: Dennis & Bev De Vries, Jon & Glenda Van Woerkom

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

Today: April Nieuwsma - C,J,S; Carla Nieuwsma - C,S; Stephanie Roose - C,J; Lola Spoelstra -C,S

March 24: Laura Branderhorst - C,S; Terry McCombs - C,J,S; Crystal Schreur - C,J; 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.

A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service to vote on the motion whether to call Pastor Ryan Landt as lead pastor.

Children's Choir: Immediately after worship (during Congregational Meeting), children will gather in the Children's wing to have refreshments and practice the March 24 anthem. After the meeting, they will practice the anthem in the sanctuary with the Adult Choir.

Adult Choir: Rehearsal in Sanctuary immediately after Congregational Meeting, and at 5:15 p.m.

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of Praise and Worship right here at Cornerstone Church. A free-will offering will be received to benefit Mobility Worldwide. The concert will feature the Cornerstone Praise Band and Adult Choir. Bring a friend and receive a blessing and be a blessing! Any questions, call Will Van Wyngarden at 641-780-7015.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** We wish a happy birthday to Lester Van Zee who will celebrate his 99th birthday on March 20 and pray for God's blessings on him.

"I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, and visits at my brother's passing." - Thressa Nieuwsma

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** will not meet this Wednesday, as was scheduled, but will meet next week Wednesday, March 27, instead.

**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER AND ENTERTAINMENT:** Join the Youth Group Thursday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. here at the church. We'll have an evening full of food, fellowship and entertainment provided by "The Jonathan May Show". Jonathan is a professional entertainer specializing in illusions and fun for audiences of all ages. Please sign up on the paper under the TV in the fellowship area.

**UPCOMING EVENT:** The next Prayer Group meeting will be Tuesday, April 9.

**PINEWOOD DERBY RACES:** Our church's Cadets and GEMS car races are on Wednesday, March 27. Car Registration is at 6:30 and racing will start at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to enter a car in the Open Class (it's not too late), please see Jon Yoder or one of the other Cadet Counselors. If you can't make it, we're planning to live stream the event again (link in the March 24 bulletin/announcements email). Ice cream will be served afterwards courtesy of GEMS.

**THE BIBLE LEAGUE SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON** will be held Monday, April 8, here at Cornerstone Church.

**PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:** Interim Pastor Paul Hoekstra's phone is (562) 396-8966; Ellen's phone is (562) 331-4656. 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.

**PCHS SPRING DRAMA:** On March 22 and 23 Pella Christian High School's Theatre Troupe concludes their successful theatre season with Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Timeless and lingering, this hard-hitting work explores prejudice, compassion and the courage to do what is right. Set in a sleepy Alabama town in the midst of the Great Depression, Scout and her brother Jem, live with their widowed father, Atticus Finch. Reminiscent of a bygone era, the children play outside in the summer, act out stories and fantasize about their mysterious neighbor Boo Radley. The seemingly peaceful town begins to crack when a young black man is accused of a terrible crime and local lawyer Atticus defends the man with an unshakeable moral conviction. Under the direction of Marlo Van Peursem, *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be presented March 22 and 23, with reserved tickets available for purchase on-line.

**PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** You're invited to an Open House at Peoria Christian School on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief presentation at 7:00 followed by time for questions and school tours. Join us for an evening of snacks and fellowship to learn more about our school. Contact [office@peoriachr.org](mailto:office@peoriachr.org) with any questions or to RSVP for this event.

**PELLA WELCOME CORPS** welcomed its first refugee family from Central America to Pella in February. They have been busy settling into a new home, learning a new language, applying for jobs and meeting many new friends. Please pray for this family as they adjust to life in the U.S. To learn more about Pella Welcome Corps, see their newsletter, visit their Facebook page or go to [crossroadspella.org/welcome-corps](http://crossroadspella.org/welcome-corps).

#### CRC NEWS AND PRAYER ITEMS

**GROUNDWORK:** The Complete Sufficiency of the Cross - Christ's sacrifice is completely sufficient to satisfy God's wrath, and yet, sometimes we forget. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:6; Galatians 2:20-21, 3:1-3, 3:24-27, & 6:14-15; and Romans 5:9-11 & 6:1-4 to discuss the source of this truth, how we can keep our fears at bay, and how we can keep a right perspective about our salvation and our deeds. Listen at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

**KID'S CORNER:** The Not-So-Triumphal Entry - Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work -- God's work -- and he wasn't threatening anyone. Donkeys aren't flashy. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**WORLD RENEW:** More than 15,000 children under five die every day -- many from malnutrition and illnesses that are easily preventable. Improving the health of communities is a critical part of World Renew's work.

**THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP:** What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject).

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