



WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/01/24

SUNDAY SERVICE • 9:30 a.m.

TODAY

Nursery is available during the service.
 Sunday School classes do not meet today.
 All are invited to join us for Fellowship
 Coffee immediately following the service.
 Youth Group will not meet today.

MONDAY

Perk Up • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christian Fellowship Hour • 1:30 p.m., starting on
 Page 34, Question 5
 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.
 Mama Bear Apologetics • 6:30-8:00 p.m., Chapter 9
 Childcare provided on Wednesdays •
 6:30-8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Men of the Upper Room • 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Prayer Group • 7:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Debbie Nelson, Organ
A Lullaby for the Christ Child Gerald Van Dusseldorp, Piano
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

OPENING AND GREETING

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

PRAISE TO GOD

Lighting of Advent Candle – HOPE The Reid Sorensen Family
 Anthem for Choir & Congregation *Advent's Holy Light* led by Adult Choir
 *Sing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymn #245:1-3
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Hymn #244:1-2

Congregational Prayer
 *Sing *Emmanuel* Hymn #243

GOD'S WORD

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14, Q&A 35-36
 Holy Scripture Mark 1:1-8; 2 Peter 3:8-15 (ESV)
 Bibles pages 1551 & 1896
 Sermon **"Reason For Time"** Pastor Ryan Landt

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Sing *Let All Mortal Flesh*
 Holy Communion *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*
 Sing
 *Blessing
 *Sing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymn #245:4
 *Offering, as you leave Crossroads Prison Ministry
 *Postlude *Joy to the World*

* = Please stand, if able.

December 1, 2024 News and Announcements



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

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.

OFFERINGS: December 8: Adult & Teen Challenge of the Midlands; December 15: Cornerstone Missions Fund; December 22: World Renew; December 25 (Christmas): Cornerstone Benevolence Fund; December 29: Bible League International

NURSERY: Today: Tessa Vander Molen, Laura Sorensen, Levi L.
Dec. 8: Lois Beekhuizen, Stephanie Roose, Ciera R.

DOOR GREETERS: Today: Brent & Lisa Van Kooten, Brooke Van Woerkom
Dec. 8: Brent & Susan Pierson, Jacob & Regina Vaverka

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

Today: Barb Gosselink - C,S; Kim Roose - C,J,S; Regina Vaverka - C,J; Sharon Walker - C,S

Dec. 8: Terry McCombs - C,S; Jeanetta Nieuwsma - C,J; Glenda Van Kooten - C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra - C,S

TODAY: This morning we look forward to the sacrament of Holy Communion, and we joyfully anticipate taking the benefits of Christ's salvation into our hearts through this holy supper. All those who name Christ as Savior and who undertake to follow him in repentance are welcome to join us at the table.

Sunday School will not meet today.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: "Thank you so much for the cards, visits, emails, phone calls and best wishes I received for my birthday. We also appreciated your concern when Tom and I had our injuries. We are doing much better and are glad to be back with our church family. Truly the Lord is good." - Viola De Vries

"I'm thankful for cards and expressions of sympathy at the passing of my brother-in-law, Lester Fynaardt. It was very much appreciated." - Mary Ann Vander Molen

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE POSTCARDS in the seatbacks are available to hand out or mail as invitations to our special 6:00 p.m. services this Saturday and Sunday.

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Please let Barbara Boertje De Vries know if you are interested in playing in an instrumental ensemble in worship on December 22 or 25.

REMINDER: Today is the last day to give to the winter wear clothing drive for Crossroads of Pella. Each year Crossroads of Pella gives coats, stocking hats, gloves/mittens and scarves to children who need winter clothing but are unable to afford them. Last year Crossroads gave away 869 coats throughout the winter season and various organizations help with the coat donations. The PRIMARY source of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves is YOU, Cornerstone Church. Please consider giving to the Winter Wear Drive. There are boxes at the entrance by the South Door and collection/donation to Crossroads will be Monday, December 2. If you have any questions, you can contact Jim Gosselink at 641-780-0441. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 (no envelopes needed) in the missionary Christmas card boxes. Boxes for Ryan & Jodi Faber, Joel & Jeannie Huyser, Jodi Oppenhuizen and the Legacy Home are located on a table on the west wall by the mailboxes today, December 1. These boxes will be available until next Sunday, December 8. We will take care of addressing and mailing all cards. Thank you for your support of our missionaries – Cornerstone Missions Team

FINANCIAL PEACE: If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join our *Financial Peace University* class starting on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025** and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/363E9C> to learn more, and contact Reid Sorensen to sign up at a discounted rate, (605) 660-2514 or reid.sorensen@gmail.com. This event is open to our community. If you know someone who could benefit from this, please share this opportunity with them!

Cornerstone will host FPU once per week for nine weeks. We are needing volunteers to help with supplying two dozen cookies and a gallon of juice for each class. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church or you can reach out to Reid Sorensen.

CONTACT INFORMATION: As the Pastor of Cornerstone Church and your brother in Christ, I would happily connect with you. Feel free to give me a call, send me a text, email, or even “friend me” on Facebook.

(616) 745-4924; ryanlandt@outlook.com; Facebook: Ryan Matthew Landt

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

- Candlelight Services – Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8, 6:00 p.m.
- Children’s Christmas Program – Sunday, December 15, 9:30 a.m.
- Christmas Caroling – Sunday, December 22 (time TBD).
- Financial Peace University – starting January 14, 2025.

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.

PELLA PRO-LIFE’S CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER: Cookies will be available for purchase for \$15 for 3 dozen homemade Christmas cookies on Thursday, December 12, at Ulrich Meat Market, 715 Franklin Street, from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. (or until we run out of cookies). Cookies are pre-boxed and are perfect to take to your Christmas events. Email pellaprolifeweb@gmail.com or contact Kayla Nelson at 641-660-6691 by today if you are willing to volunteer to help on Thursday, December 12. Help is needed for decorating, setting up and boxing cookies!

CHURCHES ENGAGED IN FAITHFUL WELCOME – INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR: On December 5 at 8:00 p.m. EST, join Thrive and Exodus World Service for an informational webinar as we explain the new refugee resettlement opportunity for U.S. churches called the Welcome Corps Program. We will break down the process and discuss how Exodus World Service is equipped to guide CRC churches and individuals interested in engaging in this faithful missional work of welcome. We will also cover all the steps to get started and answer any questions or concerns that you may have. Click here to [Register today](#). The webinar will be recorded, but to access the recording, you still have to register. Pella Welcome Corps will help you organize, support funding, and walk with you through the process. Find out more at crossroadspella.org/services or email pellawelcomecorps@crossroadspella.org.

GROUNDWORK: Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor – The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a “Wonderful Counselor”. Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 and Colossians 1:15-19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition.

KIDS CORNER: Advent Week 1: The prophecy – During this Advent season, we can remember God’s faithfulness and our hope in Jesus, our Lord. How do the names of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 bring us hope and express God’s faithfulness?

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