

CORNERSTONE WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

TODAY

Nursery is available during the service.
 Sunday School classes do not meet.
 Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service.
 Youth Group • 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church; supper provided.

MONDAY

Perk Up • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY

Prayer Group • 6:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christian Fellowship Hour with Christmas Potluck
 Coffeetime • 1:30 p.m.
 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 10
 Adult Choir Rehearsal • 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Childcare provided Wednesdays • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

Prelude *Christmas Medley; A Rose Breaks into Bloom* Phyllis De Vries, Organ
Christmas Carols Liam N., Trumpet; Noah G., Violin;
 Gerald Van Dusseldorp, Organ

OPENING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Ryan Landt
 *God's Greeting
 *Call to Worship
 Lighting of Advent Candle - JOY Dan Zylstra Family
 Anthem for Choir & Congregation *Advent's Holy Light*
 Congregational Prayer



Children's Christmas Program Sing a Song of Christmas

Song *Come On Ring Those Bells*

3 years-Preschool

Born in a Stable: Finger Play

Greeting

Kasen C.	Logan N.
Everly V.	Lane B.
Mason Y.	Theo V.
Everett W.	Lilia S.

Song	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	
Song	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Austyn C., Piano
Song	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Aiden V., Piano

Welcome

Lydia N.	Declan T.
Liam N.	Noah G.
Cody R.	Caroline Z.

Song	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Lydia N., Clarinet
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Carli J.	
Laila L.	

Song	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	Layton N., piano
Song	<i>Silent Night</i>	Leah N., piano

Shepherds and Angels

Jack N.	
Leah N.	

Sing	<i>Silent Night</i>	Hymn #253:1
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Garrett D.V.	Logan J.
Liam W.	Brock W.

Song	<i>Quiet Night in Bethlehem</i>
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Jonah G.	
Kaiya V. W.	

Song	<i>Little Drummer Boy.</i>
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Wisemen

Austyn C.	Lilah G.
Jackson B.	Paul Z.
Aiden V.	Layton N.

Song	<i>We Three Kings</i>
Song	<i>What Can I Give Him</i>

Second Grade

Ellet C.	Carli J.
Jayden B.	

Solo	Carli J.
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First Grade

Kaiden B.	Joe Z.
Graham D.	Owen T.
Rhett N.	Olivia V.
Wyatt N.	Addilyn V.

Song	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>
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*Sing	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Hymn #270:1, 4
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Please pick up your children in the children's wing following the program.
 Thank you to everyone who helped make this program possible!

*Blessing	
*Offering, as you leave	Cornerstone Missions Fund

*Postlude
 Also Leading in Worship:
 Children's Program Director: Regina Vaverka; Pianist: Debbie Nelson

December 15, 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 22: World Renew; December 25 (Christmas): Cornerstone Benevolence Fund; December 29: Bible League International

NURSERY: Today: Nicole Yoder, Jeanetta Nieuwsma
Dec. 22: April Nieuwsma, Stacia Veenstra, Liam N.
Christmas Day: Mary Van Haaften, Regina Vaverka

DOOR GREETERS: Today: Dennis & Bev De Vries, Jeff & Kim Vander Molen
Dec. 22: Jim & Barb Gosselink, Kurt & Emily Boender
Christmas Day: Jon & Nicole Yoder, Les & Carla Nieuwsma

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve
Today: Bonnie Boot - C,J; Ruth Van Hal - C,S; Glenda Van Woerkom - C,J,S; Sharon Walker - C,S
Dec. 22: Syndee Droppers - C,J,S; Paula Klyn - C,J,S; Stephanie Roose - C,J; Lola Spoelstra - C,S

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday School classes do not meet next week. Classes will resume on January 12.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP will begin on page 45 of Lesson 2 and go through the end of the chapter. We will then enjoy a Christmas potluck coffeetime and fellowship.

CAROLING, CAROLING WE WILL GO - CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING: Join us Sunday, December 22, for a time of caroling and fellowship. We will meet at Cornerstone Church at 3:30 p.m., then visit area locations and end with a time of fellowship and pizza at Cornerstone. Mark your calendars and join us for this festive time of bringing joy to our dear members who may enjoy our songs of Comfort and JOY! Any questions, please contact Glenda at 641-780-2637.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

- Christmas Caroling – Sunday, December 22, 3:30 p.m.
- Christmas Day Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on December 25
- Financial Peace University – starting January 14, 2025.

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.

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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.

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR WITH PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS: Pella Christian Schools invite you to enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season at their upcoming Christmas Programs. As we celebrate the birth of a Savior, may we also live in anticipation of His second advent. Merry Christmas from the Pella Christian family to yours!

- Pella Christian High School Choir and Band Christmas Concert – Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Preschool – 5th Grade Spanish Immersion Christmas Program – Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

All concerts will be held at the Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium.

FROM RYAN FABER: “Thank you so much for your recent gift to Resonate Global Mission in support of our work in Zambia. We greatly appreciate it. Give thanks for Jody and the children’s safe arrival back in Zambia in late November. Please continue to pray for Evan and Graeme, our oldest children, who are studying and working in Canada. Give thanks for recent graduation ceremonies for Justo Mwale University and Theological Education by Extension Zambia, as well as a mass ordination service for the Reformed Church in Zambia. Please pray for planning for 2025, especially the organization of The Shepherd’s Academy, an online Bachelor of Theology program, that Ryan coordinates.”

FROM PELLA COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF: “As the 2024 Thanksgiving season has ended, we would like to thank you for your contribution to the Pella Community Food Shelf. We were able to pack and serve 400 Thanksgiving meals to families in need this holiday season.”

HOPE MINISTRIES is hosting a Christmas Donation Drive and Open House on Saturday, December 21. You are invited to a fun, festive and family-friendly event at Hope Ministries Bethel Mission (1310 6th Ave. in Des Moines) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Saturday before Christmas. You can help them out by donating some of their most-needed items. The biggest need for Christmas is homemade cookies packed two per baggie. They also need warm winter gloves to hand out. You’ll have the opportunity to place them under their tree with a note of encouragement slipped inside. There will be refreshments, as well as tours of their men’s shelter, Hope Café and outreach center.

CRC NEWS

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: Advent Week 3: The Baby – In Luke 2:11-14 the long-awaited Messiah has come. The prophecy from the prophet Isaiah has happened. On that blessed night, the hope God promised so many years ago was born into the world. He came as a baby – not just any baby – he was the Son of God. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible Story Podcast The Journey of the Wise Men.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: This coming week marks the winter solstice – the “longest night” of the year. For many, the Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time. How might God be calling you to minister to people who struggle? How might you remind them that the dark of night will gradually give way to the light of day?

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