



WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/22/24

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 classes resume January 12.
 Christmas Caroling • 3:30 p.m.
 Youth Group will not meet today.

MONDAY

Men's Bible Study • 6:00-7:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christmas Day Worship Service • 9:30 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* Debbie Nelson, Piano
I Wonder as I Wander
O Little Town of Bethlehem

OPENING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements Elder Gerald Van Dusseldorp
 *God's Greeting
 *Call to Worship

PRAISE TO GOD

Lighting of Advent Candle – LOVE Chryse & Connie Isaac
 Anthem for Choir & Congregation *Advent's Holy Light* Lisa Vos & Gerald V. D., Handbells
 *Sing *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymn #250:1, 3, 4
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Hymn #277:1, 3
Angels from the Realms of Glory

Children's Message Sophie Landt
 Video World Renew Christmas Greetings
 Congregational Prayer, ending with The Lord's Prayer
 Vocal Solo *Advent Hymn (The Thrill of Hope)* Sarah Van Zee

GOD'S WORD

Holy Scripture Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)
 Bibles page 1588
 Sermon **"The Best Is Yet to Come"** Pastor Ryan Landt
 Prayer

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem *A Midwinter Noel* Adult Choir
 *Blessing
 *Congregational Response, singing:
 Singing allelu! Singing allelu! Singing allelu! Christ is born. (2x)
 *Offering, as you leave World Renew
 *Postlude *Joy to the World*
 * = Please stand, if able.

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

NURSERY: Today: April Nieuwsma, Stacia Veenstra, Liam N,
Christmas Day: Mary Van Haaften, Regina Vaverka
Dec. 29: Kayla Jiskoot, Sarah Taber

DOOR GREETERS: Today: Jim & Barb Gosselink, Kurt & Emily Boender
Christmas Day: Jon & Nicole Yoder, Les & Carla Nieuwsma
Dec. 29: Matt & Lisa Vos, Ron & Laura Branderhorst

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve
Today: Lois Beekhuizen - C,J,S; Syndee Droppers - C,J,S; Stephanie Roose - C,J; Lola Spoelstra - C,S
Dec. 29: Carolyn Harthoorn - C,J; Paula Klyn - C.J.S; Mary Van Haaften - C,S; Sharon Walker - C,S

CHRISTMAS DAY: We will meet for Christmas worship on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate our Savior's birth.

NEXT SUNDAY: Dave Stevenson will be preaching next Sunday as Pastor Ryan will be on vacation.

CAROLING, CAROLING WE WILL GO - CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING: Join us today, 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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: We wish a happy birthday to Jerry Marble who will celebrate his 84th birthday on December 27, and we pray for continued blessings on him.

MONDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will be studying Question 4 on page 69 and continuing to the end of the chapter, and starting Chapter 5, *Dying to Live*, based on Romans 6.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS will resume on January 8, 2025, 6:30-8:00 p.m. New Choir members are welcome!

FROM THE DEACONS: Year-End Giving Deadline: The last Sunday to put your Cornerstone offerings toward 2024 giving is December 29. The deacons will be working on year-end count and preparing members' giving receipts after that date. Thank you!

We will be using Breeze to provide 2024 giving statements via email. If you have requested a paper copy in the past, we will attempt to honor that. Please put a note in the offering plate or contact any Deacon if there are changes. Contact Robert Rus with questions.

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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FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. Administrative Board continues to review and update church policies in order to bring them up to present-day needs. We hope to consolidate these into one location or manual. We will set a schedule to review these policies every three-five years.
2. An updated wedding policy was accepted by Council.
3. In the parsonage, radon mitigation work has been completed.
4. Pastor Ryan is drawing up a curriculum for a profession of faith class.
5. Council goals for 2025 were discussed. This will be ongoing.
6. Council Officers for 2025 were chosen: Council President – Calvin Roose, Vice President of Council – Jason Jiskoot, Director of Congregational Care (Shepherding Team leader) – Jeff Vander Molen, Clerk of Council – Will Van Wyngarden, Director of Operations – Zach Veenstra.
7. Deacon officers (chosen by deacons): Treasurer – Brian De Vries, Vicar – Tony Van Zee, Chairman – Robert Rus, Benevolence – Lance Nieuwsma, Secretary – Dan Schreur, Deacon Representative to Governing Board – Zach Veenstra.
8. Administrative Elders for 2025 – Will Van Wyngarden (2025), Calvin Roose (2026), Levi Nieuwsma (2026), Jason Jiskoot (2027).
9. Shepherding Elders for 2025 – Bryan Harthoorn (2025), Jeff Vander Molen (2025), Gerald Van Dusseldorp (2026), Jacob Vaverka (2027).
10. Date of Installation service – Sunday, January 12, 2025 (form of subscription to be signed as part of the service).
11. Dave Stevenson will preach on December 29 as Pastor Ryan will be on vacation.
12. As the final Council meeting of the year 2024, a mutual censure was held.
13. The outgoing Council members (Joe Van Haaften, Brent Pierson, Kurt Boender, and Jon Van Haaften) were thanked for their service to the church.

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 signup sheet in the back of the church or you can reach out to Reid Sorensen.

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.

BUS/VAN DRIVERS NEEDED: Peoria Christian School has an urgent need for bus or van drivers. Starting January 14-spring break we are looking for individuals who would be willing to help us fill this need. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Copenhagen at principal@peoria.org or 641-625-4131.

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