



WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/08/24

SUNDAY SERVICE • 9:30 a.m.

TODAY

Nursery is available during the service.

C4C (Children for Christ) (3 yrs.-Preschool) are dismissed when indicated on the screen. Visitors are welcome! Parents may pick up their child in the preschool room after the service.

Sunday School (3 yrs.-high school) • following the service-11:30 a.m.

All are invited to join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service.

Youth Group will not meet today.

Candlelight Service • 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Men's Bible Study • 6:00-7:00 a.m.

Full Council Meeting • 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

GEMS (2nd-8th grade) • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Cadets (2nd-8th grade) • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Childcare provided on Wednesdays
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP SERVICE
Second Sunday of Advent**

Prelude	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People He Shall Feed His Flock My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	Joyce Boender, Organ
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OPENING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements	Elder Jeff Vander Molen
*God's Greeting	
*Call to Worship	

PRAISE TO GOD

Lighting of Advent Candle - PEACE	Tammy Veenstra, Georgia D. V.
Anthem for Quartet & Congregation <i>Advent's Holy Light</i>	
Quartet: Glenda Van Woerkom, Judy Van Zee, Joe Van Haften, Sander De Haan; Debbie Nelson - Piano	
*Sing	<i>Glory (Let There be Peace)</i> led by Worship Team
	<i>What a Glorious Night</i>

Children's Message	Laila L.
Congregational Prayer, ending with The Lord's Prayer	
*Sing	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i> Hymn #251:1, 2, 4

GOD'S WORD

Holy Scripture	John 1:6-8, 19-28 (ESV) Bibles page 1646
Sermon	"Why Follow Jesus?" Pastor Ryan Landt
Prayer	

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Sing	<i>Light of the Stable</i>
*Blessing	
*Sing	<i>Glory Chorus</i>
*Offering, as you leave	Adult & Teen Challenge of the Midlands
*Postlude	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>

* = Please stand, if able.

December 8, 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 15: Cornerstone Missions Fund; December 22: World Renew; December 25 (Christmas): Cornerstone Benevolence Fund; December 29: Bible League International

NURSERY: Today: Lois Beekhuizen, Stephanie Roose, Ciera R.
Dec. 15: Nicole Yoder, Jeanetta Nieuwsma

DOOR GREETERS: Today: Brent & Susan Pierson, Jacob & Regina Vaverka
Dec. 15: Dennis & Bev De Vries, Jeff & Kim Vander Molen

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

Today: Terry McCombs - C,S; Jeanetta Nieuwsma - C,J; Glenda Van Kooten - C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra - C,S
Dec. 15: Bonnie Boot - C,J; Ruth Van Hal - C,S; Glenda Van Woerkom - C,J,S; Sharon Walker - C,S

TODAY: If you didn't attend last evening's Candlelight Service, please join us in the sanctuary at 6:00 this evening! You are encouraged to carpool to make more room for our guests.

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

MONDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will be studying Question 6 in Lesson 3, continuing on to Chapter 4, *Live Like a King*, based on Romans 5.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2025: Please plan on attending Monday evening's full council meeting at 6:30 p.m. We will be doing introductions and electing officers for 2025. New elders, you will be dismissed after this so current council may discuss business. New deacons, you will be dismissed with the current deacons to elect office bearers and then be free to leave following this. Thank you all for your service to Cornerstone.

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.

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. **These boxes are available through today,** December 8. We will take care of addressing and mailing all cards. Thank you for your support of our missionaries - Cornerstone Missions Team

THANK YOU Cornerstone Church for your generous donations to the Crossroads Winter Wear clothing drive. I dropped off the clothes at Crossroads Monday morning and they were thrilled to receive them - the need was great! In total we donated 85 pairs of gloves, 83 stocking hats, 5 scarves and 9 winter coats. Thank you again for your generosity. - Jim Gosselink

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

- 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.

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.

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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 Early Education Christmas Program – Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- 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.

PELLA PRO-LIFE'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER: The 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.

CRC NEWS

GROUNDWORK: Jesus: Our Mighty God – The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God". Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6, 11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com

KIDS CORNER: Advent Week 2: The Servant – This week, read the story of Mary in Luke 1:26-45. God had an important role for Mary. She responded, "I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said." Whatever God has for us to do, let our reply be the same as Mary's. No matter how young or old we are, God will give us everything we need to be a faithful servant. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible Story Podcast The Birth of Jesus.

A UNIQUE MISSION TRIP FOR TEENAGERS – Join a group of teenagers from multiple countries on a trip across three Central American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala) to learn more about these countries' histories and learn how local ministry leaders are working to meet the needs of communities in difficult realities. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and understanding of mission! Learn more and apply online at www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter.

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