



WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/14/25

SUNDAY SERVICE • 9:30 a.m.

TODAY

Nursery is available during the service.
All are invited to join us for Fellowship Coffee following the service.
Sunday School • following the service. Only those participating in the Christmas Program need to be at Sunday School today.
Profession of Faith Class • during the High School Sunday School time
Adult Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. – Lesson 5b
High School Youth Group • 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Supper provided.

Looking Ahead:

Children’s Christmas Program • Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Caroling • Dec. 21, 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Worship Service • Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m.
Financial Peace University • Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Prayer Group • 6:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christian Fellowship Hour • 1:30; Christmas Lesson & Potluck Coffeetime
Kingdom Kids (K-1st Grade) • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
GEMS (Girls 2nd-8th Grade) • 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Cadets (Boys 2nd-8th Grade) • 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal • 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Childcare provided 6:30-8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Community Dinner • December 18, 6:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE
Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude *O Magnify the Lord* Andrea Van Wardhuizen, Organ
The First Noel
Christmas Joy

OPENING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements
*God’s Greeting
*Call to Worship

PRAISE TO GOD

Lighting of Advent Candle – JOY Craig & Rianne, Brock, Liam, Everett Weier
Anthem for Choir & Congregation – *Advent’s Holy Light*
*Sing *Joy to the World* Hymn #270:1, 2, 4
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Hymn #277:1-3
Song *Mary’s Boy Child* Dan Zylstra Family
Children’s Message Brent Pierson
Congregational Prayer, ending with The Lord’s Prayer
*Sing *What Child Is This?* Hymn #281:1-3

GOD’S WORD

Holy Scripture Luke 1:26-45; Psalm 80 (ESV)
Pew Bibles pages 1588 & 919; ESV Bibles pages 990 & 565

Sermon **“It’s Okay to Need Jesus”** Pastor Ryan Landt
Prayer

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

Anthem for Choir & Congregation *Here with Us* led by Sarah Van Zee, Levi Nieuwsma, Choir

*Benediction
*Sing *Here with Us* Chorus
*Offering, as you leave Cornerstone Missions Fund
*Postlude *Here with Us* Reprise
* = Please stand, if able.

December 14, 2025 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 21: World Renew; December 25 (Christmas): Cornerstone Benevolence Fund; December 28: Bible League International

NURSERY: Today: Emily Boender, Stephanie Roose, Kynlee V. W.
Dec 21: Mary Van Haaften, Lois Beekhuizen, Ciera R.
Christmas Day: Sarah Christensen, Jeanetta Nieuwsma, Carli J.

GREETERS: Today: Craig & Sarah Roose, Jacob & Regina Vaverka
Dec. 21: Jeff & Kim Vander Molen, Dennis & Bev De Vries
Christmas Day: Brent & Susan Pierson, Chryse & Connie Isaac

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve
Today: Laura Branderhorst – C; Barb Gosselink – C,J,S; Arlys Veenstra – C,J,S; Sharon Walker – C,S
Dec 21: Carolyn Harthoorn – C; Carla Nieuwsma – C,J,S; Mary Van Haaften – C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra – C,S

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

CAROLING, CAROLING WE WILL GO – CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING: Join us Sunday, December 21, for a time of caroling and fellowship. We will carpool from Cornerstone at 4:00 p.m., then finish the evening with pizza at church. Please join us for this festive time of bringing joy to our dear members who may enjoy our songs of Comfort and JOY! Young and old are welcome – please sign up on the sheet on the table in the fellowship area so we know how much pizza to order ahead. Any questions, contact Glenda V.W. (641-780-2637. Merry Christmas!

FROM THE COUNCIL: Council has selected the following officers for the 2026 term:

- Council President – Jason Jiskoot
- Council Clerk – Calvin Roose
- Council Vice-President – Troy Hugen
- Director of Operations – Zach Veenstra
- Director of Congregational Care – Jacob Vaverka
- Deacon Chair – Brian De Vries
- Treasurer – Reid Sorensen
- Vicar – Tony Van Zee
- Benevolence – Lance Nieuwsma
- Secretary – Lance Beltman

At his request, the membership of Jerry Marble has been transferred to Third Church in Pella. We pray for God's blessings on him in his new church home.

At the December 7 Congregational Meeting the motion to build the new playground was approved. The committee has already begun the process, ordering materials and checking with the city in regards to the necessity of permits.

THANK YOU CORNERSTONE CHURCH – Your generosity in giving to children who need winter clothing is greatly appreciated. Collectively, YOU donated 120 stocking hats, 120 pairs of gloves/mittens, 22 scarves, 3 pairs of ear muffs, and 3 winter coats/pants. Crossroads of Pella is giving these items to area children who need them. Thank you again for your generosity.

MUSICALLY SPEAKING 🎵 See Barbara Boertje DeVries (worship@cornerstonepella.org) if:

You would like to participate in a Worship Team and/or Choir.

You have any favorite hymns or songs you'd like us to consider using in worship.

You are interested in playing your instrument(s) in worship.

Children and/or youth are interested in occasionally singing on Wednesdays before Cadets/GEMS/Kingdom Kids.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Greeter Scheduler – Do you enjoy organizing and helping people feel welcomed? We're looking for someone to be the Cornerstone Greeter Scheduler! Responsibilities include:

- Putting together the greeter schedule every few months.
- Helping if someone can't find a substitute.
- Reaching out to members of the congregation who might be interested in being a greeter.

This is an immediate need and is a simple but important way to be involved. If you have questions or want to learn more, please reach out to Lisa Vos (voslisa01@gmail.com or 641-780-9120).

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 13, 2026, 6:30 p.m. and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. 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.

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.

PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' PROGRAMS:

5th-8th Christmas Concert is Monday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. at PCHS Gymnasium, featuring PC 5th-8th Grade Bands and Choirs.

High School Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m. at PCHS Vermeer Auditorium, featuring PCHS's Cantabile, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and Concert Band. A mass choir, including community members, will perform *Ding! Dong! Merrily on High*.

PCGS Spanish Immersion Christmas Program, The Journey to Bethlehem, is Thursday, December 18, 6:30 p.m. at the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

OSKALOOSA 1ST CRC IGNITE YOUTH GROUP invites you tonight, December 14, 6:00 p.m., to a Candlelight Service "Nine Lessons & Carols Service" to celebrate our Savior's birth. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

GROUNDWORK: Out of Darkness and into the Light – Turning on a light changes everything. What changes can we anticipate when Jesus brings His light to our world? Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 2:2-5, John 8:12-19, and John 12:44-50 to discover the significant effects we can expect the presence of the Light of the World to bring in our lives and our world. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com.

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