

CORNERSTONE SERVICE & SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

TODAY	MONDAY
Nursery is available during the service.	Men’s Bible Study • 6:00 a.m.
Sunday School classes do not meet.	THURSDAY
All are invited to join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service.	Christmas Worship Service • 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Caroling • 4:00 p.m.	Looking Ahead:
Youth Group • 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church; supper provided.	Financial Peace University • Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.
	Church Renewal Lab • Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



TODAY’S 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Debbie Nelson
	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Barbara Boertje DeVries – Pianists
	<i>What Child Is This? / God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen</i>	

OPENING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Ryan Landt
*God’s Greeting	
*Call to Worship	
Lighting of Advent Candle – LOVE	Bruce & Marilyn Bandstra
Anthem for Choir & Congregation – <i>Advent’s Holy Light</i>	
Congregational Prayer	

Children’s Christmas Program  
The Greatest Gift

Song	<i>Come On Ring Those Bells</i>	
Flute Solo	<i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i>	Laila L.
Lydia N.		
Piano Solo	<i>Silent Night</i>	Lydia N.

3 years-Preschool

*Mary, Mary, What Do You See?* – By Dawn De Lorenzo  
Noah G.

K-3rd Grade

Tenley B.	Logan N.
Lane B.	Lilia S.
Mason Y.	Everly V.
Chloe R.	Serenity V.
Nolan J.	Everett W.
Kasen C.	

Song	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
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4th-8th Grade

Piano Solo	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	Jack N.
Piano Solo	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Leah N.
Garrett D.V.	Owen T.	
Jack N.	Kaiden B.	
Addilyn V.	Joe Z.	
Graham D.V.	Rhett N.	
Jayden B.	Ellet C.	

Piano Solo	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Aiden V.
Piano Solo	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	Ellet C.

Caroline Z.  
Kaiya V.W.  
Leah N.

Sing	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Hymn #285:1
Lilah G. (Rocky Road Bar)	Paul Z. (Smarties)	
Austyn C. (Sugar Babies)	Logan J. (Starburst)	
Aiden V. (Candy Cane)	Layton N. (Gold Coin candy)	
Jonah G. (Almond Joy)	Brock W. (Riesen)	
Liam W. (Dove)		

Piano Solo	<i>We Three Kings</i>	Layton N.
Piano Solo	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Graham D.V.

Jaydon N.  
Kaiya V.W.  
Laila L.

Piano Solo	<i>Silent Night</i>	Garrett D.V.
Piano Solo	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	Brock W.
Piano Solo	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Austyn C.
Sing	<i>O Come, Let Us Adore Him</i>	Hymn #196:1
	3 year olds – 1st grade return to stage.	

Carli J.

Song	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	
Jackson B.		
*Sing	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Hymn #270:1, 4

Please pick up your children in the children’s wing following the program.

*Benediction		
*Offering, as you leave		World Renew
*Postlude	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	

Thank you to Linda Van Dyke, Regina Vaverka, Debbie Nelson,  
and all the helpers who worked so hard to make this program possible.

# December 21, 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 25 (Christmas): Cornerstone Benevolence Fund; December 28: Bible League International

**NURSERY:** Today: Mary Van Haaften, Lois Beekhuizen, Ciera R.  
Christmas Day: Sarah Christensen, Jeanetta Nieuwsma, Carli J.  
December 28: Nicole Yoder, Stacia Veenstra, Laila L.

**GREETERS:** Today: Jeff & Kim Vander Molen, Dennis & Bev De Vries  
Christmas Day: Brent & Susan Pierson, Chryse & Connie Isaac  
December 28: Kurt & Emily Boender, Matt & Lisa Vos

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE:** C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve  
Today: Carolyn Harthoorn - C; Carla Nieuwsma - C,J,S; Mary Van Haaften - C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra - C,S  
Dec 28: Amy Bokhoven - C; April Nieuwsma - C,J,S; Ruth Van Hal - C,J,S; Sharon Walker - C,S

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

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Mike Holleman will be preaching as Pastor Ryan will be on vacation. Mike, his wife Krys, and their five children live in Pella. With over 14 years in pastoral ministry, including 9 years at Otley Church, Mike now serves as a traveling hospice chaplain with Suncrest Hospice.

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

**MONDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We will study Chapter 12, starting with Question 6, based on Romans 14:1-15:7.

**FROM THE DEACONS:** Year-End Giving Deadline: The last Sunday to put your Cornerstone offerings toward 2025 giving is December 28. 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 2025 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 Brian De Vries with questions.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** All ladies are invited to a discussion of the book *Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize when God is Speaking* by Priscilla Shirer. We will begin discussing the Introduction, Ch. 1 and 2 on January 7 at 6:30 p.m. Please talk to Sophie Landt or Allison Van Wyngarden if you are interested in joining.

**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](mailto:voslisa01@gmail.com) or 641-780-9120).

**MUSICALLY SPEAKING** 🎵 See Barbara Boertje DeVries ([worship@cornerstonepella.org](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**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.

**EVENING OF PRAISE TO GOD:** Bethel CRC in Oskaloosa is providing an evening of Worship, Praising God through music on January 4 at **5 p.m.** Come and enjoy some of your favorite hymns and songs of joy by The Rozenboom Quartet and Living Waters.

**HELP FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FLOODING:** Beginning December 8, heavy nonstop rains have led to record flooding in western and central parts of Washington state, killing at least one person and forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate due to profound damage to homes and communities. World Renew Disaster Response Services is preparing a response to help flood survivors, including in communities already recovering from severe flooding in 2021. Please join us in prayer and donate to help flood survivors at [worldrenew.net/northwest](http://worldrenew.net/northwest), by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew with "Pacific Northwest Floods 2025" in the memo line, to World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

#### CRC News and Prayer Items

**GROUNDWORK:** The Light of the World Among Us – Together let's explore the moment Isaiah's anticipation of light turns to the reality of the light of the world among us. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20, John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8-9, and Revelation 22:5 to discuss Jesus Christ's birth, life, and the hope He brings, uncovering the profound meaning of Christ's light shining in our world and how we live as children of light.

**KIDS CORNER:** Advent at Home: Away in the Manager – Jesus knows what it feels like to be human, just like you. This means He understands when you're tired, hurt, or having a hard day. He loves you so much and always knows how to comfort and care for you! Explore [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) for the Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

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