



WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/7/25

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 should pick up their child in the preschool room after the service.  
Congregational Meeting immediately following the service.  
All are invited to join us for Fellowship Coffee following the service.  
Sunday School (3 yrs.-high school) • 10:50 - 11:35 a.m.  
Profession of Faith Class • during the High School Sunday School time  
Adult Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. – Lesson 5b  
Candlelight Service • 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Men’s Bible Study • 6:00 a.m.  
Council Meeting • 6:30 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
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.  
Ladies Bible Study • 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Childcare provided 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

Community Dinner • December 18, 6:00 p.m.  
Children’s Christmas Program • December 21, 9:30 a.m.  
Christmas Caroling • Sunday, December 21, Time TBD  
Christmas Worship Service • December 25, 9:30 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE  
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude	<i>O Come, O Come Immanuel</i> <i>All Is Well</i>	Joyce Boender, Piano
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OPENING AND GREETING

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

PRAISE TO GOD

Lighting of Advent Candle – PEACE	John & Leanne Hill; Daryl & Judy Van Zee,	
Anthem for Quartet & Congregation – <i>Advent’s Holy Light</i>	Bryan & Carolyn Harthoorn	
	Debbie Nelson, Piano	
*Sing	<i>Light of the Stable</i> <i>What a Glorious Night</i>	led by Worship Team

Congregational Prayer	
*Sing	<i>Glory (Let There Be Peace)</i>

GOD’S WORD

Holy Scripture	Luke 21:25-36 (ESV)	
	Pew Bibles page 1636; ESV Bibles page 1020	
Sermon	<b>“Wake Up! He is Coming!”</b>	Pastor Ryan Landt
Prayer		

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

*Sing	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	Hymn #244:1-2
Holy Communion		
	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	
*Sing	Chorus of <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Hymn #245
*Benediction		
*Sing		
*Offering, as you leave		Adult and Teen Challenge of the Midlands
*Postlude		
* = Please stand, if able.		

# December 7, 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 14: Cornerstone Missions Fund; December 21: World Renew; December 25 (Christmas): Cornerstone Benevolence Fund; December 28: Bible League International

**NURSERY:** Today: Brent Pierson, Lisa Vos, Kaiya V. W.  
Dec 14: Emily Boender, Stephanie Roose, Kynlee V. W.

**GREETERS:** Today: John & Leanne Hill, Brooke Van Woerkom  
Dec. 14: Craig & Sarah Roose, Jacob Regina Vaverka

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

Today: Syndee Droppers – C,J,S; Mark Droppers – S; Kim Roose – C; Regina Vaverka – C,J; Lola Spoelstra – C,S  
Dec 14: Laura Branderhorst – C; Barb Gosselink – C,J,S; Arlys Veenstra – C,J,S; Sharon Walker – C,S

**TODAY:** This morning we look forward to the sacrament of Holy Communion, and we joyfully anticipate taking the benefits of Christ's salvation into our hearts through this holy supper. All those who name Christ as Savior and who undertake to follow Him in repentance are welcome to join us at the table.

Council has scheduled a Congregational Meeting to vote on the new playground project immediately following the service this morning. Absentee ballots are available on the table in the Fellowship area.

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.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** We extend our sympathies to the family of John Van Zee who passed away on December 2. May God comfort them with the hope of eternal life in Jesus our Lord.

**MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Chapter 12, *When Christians Disagree*, based on Romans 14:1 – 15:7.

**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, Michael & Katelyn M., Jodi Oppenhuizen and the Legacy Home are at the entrance to the sanctuary in the Fellowship Hall starting today. **These boxes will be available through today.** We will take care of addressing and mailing all cards. Thank you for your support of our missionaries. – Cornerstone Missions Team

**CROSSROADS WINTER WEAR DRIVE:** This year, as in past years, Cornerstone Church is being asked to give generously to the Crossroads Winter Wear Drive. Each year Crossroads of Pella gives coats, stocking hats, gloves/mittens and scarves to children who need winter clothing but are unable to afford them. The PRIMARY source of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves is YOU, Cornerstone Church. Please consider giving to the Winter Wear Drive. **There are boxes at the west entrance door through today.** Please place items in the boxes. On December 8 they will be delivered to Crossroads. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**CAROLING, CAROLING WE WILL GO – CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING:** Join us Sunday, December 21, for a time of caroling and fellowship. Mark your calendars now and join us for this festive time of bringing joy to our dear members who may enjoy our songs of Comfort and JOY! More details will follow in the coming weeks.

**OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT SIERRA LEONE:** Dannielle Wah, daughter of John Wah, is planning to travel to Sierra Leone in December and January (coinciding with Pastor Tom's planned travel). Danielle is a nurse, and the focus of her time in Sierra Leone is to train midwives. Danielle is seeking financial support for her mission. We as a congregation have an opportunity to contribute through a special offering. For those who would like to give, please enclose your offering in an envelope marked "Safe Place Outreach" and place it in an offering plate. Checks can be made payable to Cornerstone Church. **Envelopes will be accepted through today.** Although this is separate from the weekly offerings, giving will be tracked on your year-end giving receipt. – Cornerstone Deacons and Missions Team

**GREETER SCHEDULER NEEDED:** Looking for a volunteer to take over the duties of scheduling greeters from Lisa Vos. This would involve: creating the greeter list, being the contact if there is someone that can't greet, and finding replacements if needed. Please contact Lisa (voslisa01@gmail.com) or 780-9120 if you are willing to serve in this way.

**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 during Advent and/or Christmas.

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. 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; 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.

**THE PELLA PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER** will be Thursday, December 11, at Ulrich Meat Market, 715 Franklin St. from 12:30-5:30 p.m. (or until the last box is sold). Contact Amanda Meyer (pellaprolifeweb@gmail.com) or by text or phone – 641-861-7182 by **December 8** if you could bake cookies or volunteer at the cookie sale on December 11. We need plenty of help decorating and setting up as well as bakers!

**PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' PROGRAMS:** Early Education Christmas Program, *The Animals Gathered Around the Manger*, is Thursday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. at the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium, featuring all the Preschool classes.

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 on December 14, 6:00 p.m., for a Candlelight Service "Nine Lessons & Carols Service" of scripture readings, worship, singing, and lighting candles to celebrate our Savior's birth.

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