

From Pastor Brad:

I was born into a CRC pastor’s family in Alamosa, CO. I grew up in a Christian household and am very thankful for the Godly heritage passed down to me. I experienced the best of God’s love through the church following my mother’s death when I was seven years old. While in high school, I began to recognize that Jesus was more than just a savior to me, and I accepted him as the Lord of my life.

Following high school, I worked as an air traffic controller for the Marine Corps. Upon completing active service I moved to Alaska for work. Feeling God’s Call, I decided to pursue a BA in history with an emphasis on Youth Ministry at Dordt College. There I met my wife, Kristin (Schippers), from Holland, MI. We married after graduation and I spent the next nine years in full-time youth ministry, first in Bellflower, CA and then in Grand Junction, CO.

In 2014, I earned my Master of Divinity from Calvin Theological Seminary and accepted a call to Calvary CRC in Pella, IA. My 20+ years of ministry have taught me the importance of establishing relationships, building up leaders, and teaching God’s truths on a heart level.

Kristin, a gifted educator, has held various teaching roles over the years. Most recently as the Spanish Immersion kindergarten teacher at Pella Christian School. (Fun fact: Our three kids also went through the Spanish Immersion program, which makes me the only one in my family that is not fluent in Spanish!)

Our oldest daughter, Cora, just graduated high school this past spring and is currently in Colorado Springs at YWAM’s (Youth With A Mission) Discipleship Training School. Peter is 15 and will be a sophomore in High School. Addie is 13 and going into 8th grade.

We are excited for this new chapter in our lives and look forward to being a part of the Pease CRC congregation and community. I pray we will all continue to grow in faith and wisdom, and that together we can be about the redeeming work of Christ’s church.



In His Service,
Brad, Kristin, Cora, Peter, and Addie

Installation Service of Pastor Brad Bierma

We Enter God’s Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship

“Everlasting God”

God’s Greeting and Our Mutual Greeting

“Holy Forever”

We Focus on the Charge to
Pastor Brad Bierma

Introduction to the Theme of the Service

Scripture Reading: II Timothy 3:16-4:2
Pastor Michael Ten Haken

“Gratitude”

Introduction to the Chief Tasks of a Pastor

Readings
Brian Van Zee
Lois Ritzema
Saige Byker

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Congregational Prayer
Sam Pearson

Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Community Christian School

We Focus on the Charge to The Church

Children’s Message
Shelly Ash

Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 5:12-28

The Message: “**All Charged Up**”
Dr. Jack Van Marion

“Goodness of God”

We Respond to Our Respective Charges

The Questions Posed to Pastor Brad Bierma

The Laying of the Hands

The Charge to the Congregation

The Charge to Pastor Brad Bierma
Reverend Merle Bierma

“My Heart is Yours”

We Leave: Charged Up and
With Thanks to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Reverend Merle Bierma

Closing Words
Pastor Brad Bierma

God’s Parting Blessing

“The Blessing”

From Today's Participants:

"We are most pleased to join you for the installation of our son Brad to be your pastor. It has been our joy to watch him grow from a child to where he is today. He has always loved people and loved his Lord and we pray God's richest blessing on the Pease CRC and on Brad and his family as you minister together."

~Reverend Merle Bierma

"Brad calls me Uncle Jack; he is Rosanne's (my wife's) nephew, and part of the large Bierma clan in the US. The patriarch of the Bierma family was Watze Bierma, who emigrated to the USA in the early 1900's. As I became part of the Bierma clan in the late 70's, I learned that Watze Bierma was a visionary and a man of faith. He was one of the earliest CRC members who advocated for a Christian university in America. He also was a man of prayer, leaning on God's covenant faithfulness throughout the generations, and praying not only for his own kids and grandkids, but also for future grand and great-grandchildren. Over the years, I have observed God's faithfulness in the Bierma family, and on this occasion of Brad's installation I again encounter the power of prayer, including Watze's prayers and the faithfulness of God throughout the generations. Our God is awesome. I'm grateful."

~Dr. Jack Van Marion

"Brad and I overlapped during our seminary studies. Jessica and Kristin also got to know each other well through a ministry to seminary wives called, Soul Care. I am delighted that the Lord has brought us together for this occasion. It is a privilege and honor to be included in this next step in your shared Gospel ministry and bless you into it. Brad, Kristin and kids: It is our prayer that your service in Pease will be as fruitful and wonderful for you as it was for us. May God bless you richly and may you love becoming a Peasite as much as we did!"

~Pastor Michael & Jessica Ten Haken

From Pease CRC:

Brad, Kristin and family,

Welcome to Pease CRC! I think it's safe to say that for all of us, the last few years have been a journey of trust, patience, and prayer. As a Search Team, we learned early on that we would need to develop a deep, lived-out trust in our belief that "God has a plan for us." We often reminded ourselves of our need for patience-to not jump ahead of where God was leading us-and we prayed. We prayed for that trust. We prayed for the patience to live into the trust. And we prayed for you.

Brad, your name was the first on our official list of pastors to reach out to! In fact, your name was on our list before we even had a list. But we had to be patient and trust God's plan and timing. Now, as we look back, we can clearly see that God did have a plan for us and that He was working in all our lives, preparing Pease CRC for you, and preparing your family for Pease CRC. What a joy to serve a God that goes before us and also walks with us.

So, welcome to Pease! Our hearts are full of anticipation for what lies ahead and gratitude for what God has already done. Our prayer is that God will continue to go before us and walk with us; and that through our joint ministry, our faith will grow, Jesus' love will be made known, and our community will experience God's saving grace in profound ways.

With much love and gratitude,



~The Search Team

**(Trudy Ash, Josh Baas, Hope Vermeer,
Jamie Manke, Dylan Moorlag, Jeff Hanenburg,
Lois Ritzema, and John Goslinga)**

