Sunday, August 17, 2025

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:1 THANK YOU to those who are serving us during worship today.

MUSICIANS: Jan Johnson & Angie Meester

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

10:45 a.m. – Iowa State Fair Buffet

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Paul and Darlene Bruns, who will be observing their 57th anniversary on August 23.

We want to thank our church family for your prayers, cards and caring thoughts at the passing of our son Kent Karsjens. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. Clarence & June

Please remember those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for volunteers to serve.

The second offering next Sunday will be for Building Improvement.

We welcome Sam Hamstra to our pulpit this morning.

TODAY IS THE DAY TO STAY FOR A BLUE RIBBON STATE FAIR BUFFET!! Head for the Fellowship Hall after the service, No entry fees today!! Join us for pork loin, corn on the cob, cheesy potatoes and all kinds of delicious salads and desserts. You are welcome to share in the fun. Let the good times begin!!

If you need someone to perform pastoral duties, please

contact one of the Elders:

Ken Mehmen – (319) 269-1184

Pat Prier – (641) 640-4080

Mike Ascher – (319) 239-0637

Upcoming Speakers:

August 24 – Joel De Boer

August 31 – Joel De Boer

September 7 – Jack Ritsema

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 52:

Q: How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

A: In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very one who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All his enemies and mine he will condemn to everlasting punishment: but me and all his chosen ones he will take along with him into the joy and the glory of heaven.

-HC and ME: The Heidelberg Catechism for Christian Living (2006), Faith Alive Christian Resources

The General Fund collection for July 27 was \$1,663.10. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

August 17, 2025 – 9:30 AM WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 215 When Morning Gilds the Skies

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 572 Blessed Assurance

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 665 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **John 4:1-30, 39-42** (pg. 1651)

Message: LIVING MARTYRS

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 597 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 237 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

*Postlude