

Sunday, August 9, 2026

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

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

10:45 a.m. – Corn Fest Potluck

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Don Allspach, who will be observing his 95th birthday on August 12.

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.

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

We welcome Pastor Joel De Boer to our pulpit this morning.

On August 16th we will have a meal in our Fellowship Hall. It will be a “Corn Fest.” Pat Prier has promised the best of the last sweet corn in the field! We will be serving chicken in some form or other. Angie wants to bring the dessert, so could the rest of you bring a salad of some kind? Something colorful and tasty!

Kothe Memorial Library is hosting a community conversation on Tuesday, August 18 at 5:00 PM. The library received a grant

to purchase materials for patrons with low vision. They’re inviting residents with low vision to participate in an open discussion about library materials and signage. A light meal will be provided. If you would like to attend, please call the library at 319-346-2442 to sign up.

You are invited to the banquet! Shannon and Nelia Ries are moving to Houston. They will be joining the Prestige Learning Institute and missionaries reaching out to Muslims. Come and hear about this ministry on September 5 from 5:00 PM-7:30 PM at the First Congregational Church in Parkersburg. To reserve a spot, please call or text Shannon at 319-5791, or email at sries1@juno.com.

Upcoming Speakers:

August 16 – Randy Aalderks

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 23:

Q: What are these articles?

A: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

The July 26th offering for the General Fund totaled \$3,297.00. The collection for A-P Lifewise Academy totaled \$169.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

August 9, 2026 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 45 **Crown Him with Many Crowns** (verses 1,3,4)

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 21 **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Faith Promise

*Hymn: TCH 491 **Jesus, I Come** (verses 1, 3, 4)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Ephesians 1:15-23** (pg. 1818)

Message: **AN UNUSUAL PRAYER**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND
SERVICE**

*Hymn: TCH 506 **I'd Rather Have Jesus**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 234 **Now Unto Him**

*Postlude

Council Notes of August 3, 2026

The council meeting of August 3rd, 2026 was opened by the reading of Jeremiah 29: 11-14. Prayer given by Pat Prier.

Article 1: Minutes of the July 6th, 2026 meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: No Correspondence was received.

Article 3: Ministry Reports and Concerns

- Elders Report: Discussion was held on providing pastoral visits in August.
- Pulpit Committee:
 - August 9th - Joel De Boer
 - August 16th – Randy Aalderks
 - August 23rd – Steve Debner
 - August 30th – Wendell Davelaar
 - September 6th - Wendell Davelaar
 - September 13th – Alex Pollock
 - September 20th – Open
 - September 27th - Randy Aalderks
- Worship Committee: No Report
- Attendance Report: There was an Average Attendance of 49 people with 16 people live streaming.
- Outreach Committee: No Report
- Discipleship Committee: No Report
- Building and Grounds Committee:
 - Estimate received for the church sign building materials. Looking at different contractors.
 - Church bell has been repaired.

Article 4: Financial Reports and Concerns

- Receipts of \$7547.00 was received. Budget amount of \$9,076.92 is needed. Giving us a -\$1,529.92 for the month. With a YTD of -\$2063.50.

Article 5: Old Business

- No update was provided on the outreach card to share information about our church.
- Discussion was held regarding the pastoral candidates interviewed by the Search Committee on July 14th.
- Discussion was held on hiring an interim pastor.
- The Deacons are still exploring options for moving a portion of the funds from the general savings account into a certificate of deposit (CD).
- After receiving an additional insurance quote, it was determined that we would stay with our current insurance provider, Church Mutual.

Article 6: New Business

- Delegates for September 12th Classis meeting were determined.
 - Elder – Pat Prier alternate Ken Meester
 - Deacon – Amy Swanson Haan alternate Larry Luhring

Article 7: Motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting.

Article 8: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 9: Closing Prayer was given by Mike Ascher.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice President: Pat Prier

Clerk: Mike Ascher

Members Present:

Mike Ascher
Ken Meester
Larry Luhring
Amy Swanson Haan
Pat Prier
Brad Allspach

Members Absent:

None

Guests Present:

None

Next meeting is set for September 8th, at 7:00 PM.