

Sunday, December 4, 2016

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

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Mike & Kayla Stirling

South Door – Ken & Nancy Mehmen

Next Sunday: North Door – Clarence & June Karsjens

South Door – Paul & Darlene Bruns

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Ken Meester

Next Sunday – Ken Johnson

VALET PARKING. Today – Chet Hay

Next Sunday – Dale Meester

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Clarence & June Karsjens

Next week – Steve & Charlene Kramer

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Ryan & Stacy – *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*; Jodi – *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

Next week – Kayla & Shelly – *The Angel Visits Joseph*; Stacy – *The Angel Visits Joseph*

Please note: If there are any differences between the schedule in the bulletin and the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff, please follow the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff.

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
Monday 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time at Jean Trey's house
1:30 p.m. – Christmas Tea
6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Friday 1:45 p.m. – Bingo at Maple Manor
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Ken and Janet Johnson, who will be observing their 53rd anniversary on December 10.

Thank you to all who said the many prayers for me, sent cards, visits in the hospital and at my home and the many phone calls since my accident and during my stay at the hospital. A very special thanks to Pastor Rus for his time spent with me and prayers. All of this was appreciated very much. May God bless each one of you. **Clarence Karsjens**

Paul and Ruth Haan are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Paul Haan and Ruth Gibbs were married on December 26th, 1956, in Strawberry Point. Please join them at an open house in their honor on Saturday, December 10th, 2016 from 2-4pm at the church. The couple requests no gifts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning.

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

The Congregational Meeting will be held after the morning service to vote on the proposed budget.

Council will meet tomorrow, Monday, December 5 at 7 PM.

It is time again to remember the shut-ins at Christmas with our greetings. Gift bags are in the Fellowship area so you can place your greetings to our church family members who are homebound.

There are some leftover Operation Christmas Child t-shirts available in the fellowship hall for those who would like one. No cost, first come first served.

The General Fund Collection for November 27 was \$1,997.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

Future Date: Christmas Tea, Wednesday, December 7th at 1:30. Janet Schildroth will be our speaker and will show us "Symbols of Christmas." All ladies are invited. Bring a friend.

Bingo at Maple Manor: It is our turn to assist the residents at Maple Manor play Bingo on Fri. Dec 9th. Meet at the church at 1:45 to share rides.

A Christmas Concert Fantastique will be Sunday, December 11 at 3 PM at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church. This concert will feature piano duets by Anna Mae Schnucker and Amy Truax. They will be assisted by Pam Hart, Susan Sivola, Aaron Ellermann, Stan Thompson, Chris Schnucker, Ben Schlamp and Kelsie Tingle. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the concert.

Goin' to Grandma's! Home for Christmas at Grandma's house will be held here on Sunday evening, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. We need Grandpa and Grandma, and LOTS of aunts, uncles and cousins to complete our program. There are speaking parts, and musical selections, as well, for which need volunteers. Please let Angie know TODAY (or as soon as possible) if you can fill one of the roles. Scripts will be handed out this Sunday, so we need to know who we can plan on! This is always a fun night and we hope to see some new faces on stage!

Goodies for Grandma's House! Donations of goodies for supper at Grandma's house after the Home for Christmas program on December 11 will be appreciated!

Please mark the evening of December 21 on your calendars as we plan to journey through Bethlehem with the Sunday School and Life Plus kids, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to wear your traveling clothes as we will walk the streets of Bethlehem on our way to the live Nativity. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

The Worship Committee has set Saturday, December 24th at 6 PM for our annual Candlelight Service. This year, all of our Sunday School Children are asked to be part of the service. In order to have a part for each child, we need to know how many families will be here that night. Please tell Marcia or Jan who is able to be here.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 7: 1:30 p.m. – Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 11: 6:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas

Wednesday, December 21: 6:00 p.m. – Life Plus & Sunday School's Journey Through Bethlehem

Saturday, December 24: 6:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

December 4, 2016 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Psalm 24:7-10**

*Song: TCH 103 **All Hail King Jesus**
TCH 104 (vs. 1,2,&5) **O Worship the King**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting: Haan Family
Song: TCH 86 **Jesus, Name Above All Names**

Children's Message

*Hymn: TCH 270 **Joy to the World**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 265 (vs. 1-3,5) **The First Noel**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Colossians 1:9-17** (pg. 1832)

Message: **SAVED INTO THE KINGDOM**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 275 **Sing We Now of Christmas**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

*Postlude

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP
December 4, 2016 – 6:00 PM

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: **Psalm 25:1-4**

*Song: TCH 707 **Day by Day**

*God's Greeting

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 69**

(*)Hymn: TCH 712 **Be Still My Soul**

Evening Prayer

Offertory & Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 707 **He Giveth More Grace**

Scripture: **Acts 21:17-36** (pg. 1731)

Message: **APPEASEMENT**

*Hymn: TCH 719 **Children of the Heavenly Father**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 627 **Cares Chorus**

*Postlude