Sunday, December 10, 2017

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, Jodi DeBerg, & Angie Meester **GREETERS.** Today – North Door – Dennis & Sharon Schipper South Door – Arnie & Kay Swanson Next Sunday: North Door – Rollyn & Kathy DeGroot South Door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach **USHERS.** Today, a.m. – Marlyn Allspach **Next Sunday** – Gerald Haan VALET PARKING. Today – Ken Mehmen Next Sunday – Kevin Meester **COFFEE SERVERS.** This week – Steve & Charlene Kramer Next week – Don & Annie Allspach **SUNDAY SCHOOL.** This week – Kayla & Shelly, Stacy Next week – Amy & Kay, JoLynne 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
	4:30 p.m. – Bible Study
	6:00 p.m. – Worship Service
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. – Hooks and Needles Group
Wednesday	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus/Sunday School Practice
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	4:30 p.m. – Bible Study
	6:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Ken & Jan Johnson, who will be observing their anniversary on December 10.

Congratulations to Helen Druvenga, who will be observing her 96th birthday on December 14.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bernice Freemon, who was taken to glory on Thursday, November 30. Her funeral was held in our church on Thursday, December 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

Hook and Needles Knitting and Crochet Group will meet on Tuesday, at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School/Life Plus Christmas program practice is this Wednesday night, December 13, at 6:15 p.m. and all Sunday School teachers should also be there. Parts have been handed out for the kids to be memorizing. Moms and Dads, please help them learn their lines at home!

Sunday School kids playing the bells and singing 12 Days of Christmas will meet in the basement on Wednesday night, at 5:45 p.m., before Life Plus starts, to practice.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS IN SONG - On Sunday evening, December 17, at 6:00 p.m., a redesigned Home for Christmas will be held in our church. Please come to enjoy special music, lots of congregational Christmas carols, and the Christmas story for the kids at the end of the program. Christmas refreshments, served by the Friendship Circle, will be provided afterwards, and they would appreciate your donations of Christmas treats!

The General Fund Collection for December 3 was \$4,079.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS ANIMALS - The Sunday School/Life Plus Christmas program will be held on Wednesday evening, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us as we listen in on what the animals thought of that first Christmas in the stable!

There will be no Life Plus on Wednesday, December 27.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church December 10, 2017 – 9:30 AM <u>WE COME NEAR TO GOD</u>

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation. Let us worship God.

*Opening Song: TCH 249 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: "Leveled in Love" Readers: Haan Family Song: TCH 244 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61 (pg. 1157)

*Hymn: TCH 266 That Beautiful Name

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 655 Sanctuary

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8 (pg. 1551)

Message: GETTING IT STRAIGHT

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 657 Cleanse Me

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 247 Let's Worship and Adore Him

*Postlude

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP December 10, 2017 – 6:00 PM

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 33:20-22

*Song: Favorites by Request

*God's Greeting

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 34

(*)Hymn: TCH 548 As the Deer

Evening Prayer

Hymn: TCH 552 I Am Thine, O Lord

Scripture: John 3:16-21 (pg. 1650) Lord's Day 13

Message: GOD OUR FATHER

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

*God's Blessing

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

*Postlude