

Sunday, December 10, 2023

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. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
4:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to John and Karen Oltman, who will be observing their 52nd anniversary on December 10.

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 Faith Promise.

We will have our Congregational Meeting immediately after the morning worship this morning to consider the budget for next year.

Next Sunday, December 17, we will have the Home for Christmas program featuring the Union Victorian Carolers. This begins at 4 PM with refreshments served afterward. Feel free to bring some Christmas goodies to share if you'd like!

The gift bags for Christmas cards for the shut ins are available in the Fellowship Hall for you to place greetings in again this year.

The Consistory has approved having a Retirement Gathering to honor Pastor Rus and Mary's last day as Pastor and Congregation on December 31 following our morning service. There will be a catered meal by Nate (Woody) Woodly. He will be preparing pork loin, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, and salads. There will be Hy-Vee cake for dessert. In order for Woody to have enough for everyone, there is a sign-up sheet for all who plan to attend on a table in the Fellowship Hall. The sign-up sheet will be picked up on Sunday, Dec 24. Please sign up and let's fill the Hall!!

This year the Worship Committee has decided to focus on the genealogy of Jesus through specific women of the Bible. On December 3, Tamar will be the first woman (Genesis 38, Matthew 1:1-3, Romans 8:35-39). On December 10, we will find out how Rahab fits into the story (Joshua 2, Matthew 1:5, James 2:25-26, Romans 8:1-2). On December 17, Bathsheba is our next subject (2 Samuel 11:1-12:25). On December 24, Ruth is going to be considered (Ruth, Matthew 1:3-6, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 16:10 Micah 6:38). For December 25, our final woman to talk about is Mary (Matthew 1:15-25, Galatians 4:4-7, Ephesians 3:17-19). All of these women were ordinary, unlikely, victims of the sin and crimes of the time that they lived in. By the end of this Advent Season, we will know how God can use anyone to be a part of His Redemption plan.

The General Fund collection for December 3 was \$3,114.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68. The collection for Butler County Christmas Cheer totaled \$161.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 17 – 4:00 PM – Home for Christmas feat. Victorian Carolers

Sun., Dec. 24 – 6:30 PM – Candlelight Service

Mon., Dec. 25 – 9:30 AM – Christmas Morning Service

Sun., Dec. 31 – Pastor Rus's farewell sermon followed by a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

December 10, 2023 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-2

*Hymn: TCH 249 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading

Song: TCH 244 **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

New Testament Reading: **II Thessalonians 2:1-12** (pg. 1843)

*Hymn: TCH 250 **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 253 **Silent Night! Holy Night!**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Joshua 2** (pg. 332)

Matthew 1:5 (pg. 1496)

Message: **SPARED**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 240 **Of the Father's Love Begotten**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

*Postlude