

Sunday, December 11, 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 – Clarence & June Karsjens

South Door – Paul & Darlene Bruns

Next Sunday: North Door – Arnie & Kay Swanson

South Door – Dennis & Sharon Schipper

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Ken Johnson

Next Sunday – Ken Kramer

VALET PARKING. Today – Dale Meester

Next Sunday – John Oltman

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Steve & Charlene Kramer

Next week – Don & Annie Allspach

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Kayla & Shelly – *The Angel Visits Joseph*; Stacy – *The Angel Visits Joseph*

Next week – Amy & Kay – *Visit of the Magi*; JoLynne – *Visit of the Magi*

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	6:00 p.m. – Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. – Knitting and Crochet Group
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time at Jean Trey's house
	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	6:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Helen Druvenga, who will be observing her 95th birthday on December 14.

Mary Johnson underwent surgery this past Friday. Please pray for God's healing mercy for her recovery.

Harold Coplen underwent surgery this past Friday. Please pray for God's healing mercy for his recovery.

Thank you all for welcoming me into your church family. I am thankful for your gifts, calls and your prayers. My new address is: Ivadell Primrose, Hein Manor, 807 Third St., Durant, IA 52747. Cell phone is 563-349-1129. "The Lord bless you and keep you." Numbers 6:24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for receiving text message alerts. These alerts will be for when church is cancelled or for any other important messages.

Knitting and Crochet Group will be meeting at the home of Mary Boersma at 1:30 PM, Tuesday, December 13. This will be the last meeting until we meet again in the New Year.

Home for Christmas at Grandma's house will be held on Sunday evening, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. If you have volunteered or been contacted for a part in the program, please meet in the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service this morning for your script. Parents, please attend for your children who are in Sunday School. We would like all the kids to participate (as cousins), if possible!

Goodies for Grandma's House! A sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall for food donations for Grandma's supper after the Home for Christmas program. Donations of other Christmas goodies would also be appreciated!

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.

Journey Through Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m. with the Sunday School and Life Plus kids! There will be a brief sharing of the Christmas story through word and song by the kids, followed by a tour through Bethlehem ending at the live Nativity. Please be sure to join us with your family and friends...and wear your Bethlehem traveling clothes!

The General Fund Collection for December 4 was \$5,351.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

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.

For everyone who does not have a place to go for Christmas dinner, you are invited to join Pastor Rus and Mary for a time of good food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship hall so we can plan for enough food for everyone. Please join in making this a wonderful celebration of our Lord's birth after the worship on Sunday, December 25.

Life Plus/Sunday School are in need a few items for the Journey Through Bethlehem on December 21. If you have any of the following items we could borrow, please let Deb or Angie know right away.

- Pottery Wheel
- Stuffed Sheep
- Bethlehem Era Clothing
- Loom
- Old World Maps / Globe
- Telescope
- Scales of Justice
- Tailgating Tents
- Solid-Color Sheets (to cover tents)

- Outdoor Star Shower Light
- Bust of Caesar
- Large Rugs
- Sword / Spear / Shield

The gift bags in the Fellowship Hall are for remembering the shut-ins with Christmas greetings. Please place your cards and notes in the bags no later than Sunday, December 18, so they can be distributed before Christmas.

There are just a few leftover Operation Christmas Child t-shirts left in the fellowship hall for those who would like one. This will be the last Sunday they will be available.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 11: 6:00 p.m. – Carol Sing

Sunday, December 18: 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 11, 2016 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way for 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 creation. Let us worship God. (Isaiah 40:3)

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

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting: Janet Venenga

Song: TCH 86 **Jesus, Name Above All Names**

Children’s Message

*Hymn: TCH 254 **Isn’t He**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Special Music: Andrew Haan

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Colossians 1:15-20** (pg. 1833)

Message: **IN CASE OF DOUBT**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 245 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: **We Love You Lord (You Are Amazing)** (on screen)

*Postlude

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP
December 11, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Reading: Old Testament - Promise of Salvation

*Song: TCH 244 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**
TCH 245 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**
TCH 250 **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (vs. 1&3)

Scripture: **Luke 1:26-33** - Birth of Jesus Foretold

Song: **Mary, Did You Know?**

Scripture: **Matthew 1:18-25** - Joseph Accepts Jesus as

Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel** His Son

Scripture: **Luke 2:1-8** - Birth of Jesus

Song: TCH 253 **Silent Night** (vs. 1,2&4)

Scripture: **Luke 2:8-20** - Announcement to the Shepherds

Song: TCH 272 **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks** (vs. 1-3)

Scripture: **Matthew 2:9-12** – Wise Men

Song: TCH 265 **The First Noel** (vs. 1-3)

Prayer

Offering

Hymn Sing

Benediction

Song: **Let There Be Peace**