

Sunday, December 13, 2015

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 – Pastor Rus & Mary Boersma
South Door – Henry & Kathy Heeren

Next Sunday: North Door – Jean Trey
South Door – Delbert & Sharon Cordes

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Ken Mehmen

Next Sunday – Dale Meester

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Pat & Deb Prier

Next week – Haan Family

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

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| Today | 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. – Sunday School-Life Plus Program |
| 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 94th birthday on December 14.

Dale Vry passed away Thursday evening. The funeral will be held in our church on Tuesday morning at 10:30. Visitation will be on Monday from 4-8 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The second offering next Sunday will be for the Food Pantry.

125th Anniversary Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall after church this morning. Please try to be there.

Final Church Directory Update: We are making final changes to the new Church Directory and would like to send in the copy before Christmas. If you have had any changes to the Directory Information you gave when your pictures were taken in June -- such as telephone number (either landline or cell), or e-mail address, please fill out a Directory Update sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall before Christmas. Return the Updated Forms to the mailbox of Chelsea Meester or Darrell Druvenga. This will be the final chance to make any changes. Thank you!

Anna Mae Schnucker and Amy Truax will perform A Christmas Concert Fantastique on Sunday, December 13 at 3 PM at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church. They will be playing a variety of Christmas piano duets. They will be assisted by other area musicians. Refreshments will follow the concert.

The Sunday School-Life Plus Christmas program will be performed on Wednesday evening, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. The children will meet in the basement at 6:15 that night. Please plan to come out and enjoy the program as the kids share with us what the Christmas decorations and traditions symbolize!

This year we have gift bags in the South Entry so that we can remember our shut-ins. You are encouraged to place a card in the gift bags for those members who are not able to be with us regularly for worship to remind them they are not forgotten, especially at this time of year. The gift bags will be delivered after Sunday, December 20.

Our annual fun-filled Home for Christmas program will be Sunday evening, December 20. Plan to join us as we listen to

“heaven and nature sing” at the not always peaceful log cabin in the snowy mountains!

Candlelight Service: The annual Candlelight service will be held Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. (please note the time). Our Young People will be sharing five "Lights of Christmas." We hope you can come.

Nowhere to go for Christmas this year? Then you are invited to sign up in the Fellowship Hall to join Pastor Rus and Mary for a Christmas Dinner and fellowship as part of the family at church. We look forward to spending time with you as we remember the reason for the season.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

December 13, 2015 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude:

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Isaiah 42:10-12**

*Song: TCH 269 **How Great Our Joy**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: **The Shepherds** – Larry & Mary Johnson
TCH 272 **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

Old Testament Prophecy: **Isaiah 52:13-53:12** (pg. 1145)

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Luke 2:8-20** (pg. 1591)

Message: **MAN OF THE YEAR**

Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

*Hymn: TCH 281 **What Child Is This?**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Sunday School Choir: **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: **Let There Be Peace**

*Postlude

