

Sunday, December 14, 2014

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 105:1-2

THANK YOU to those who are serving us during worship today.

MUSICIANS: Jan Johnson & Angie Meester

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Ken & Janet Johnson

South Door – Pat & Deb Prier

Next Sunday: North Door – Henry & Kathy Heeren

South Door – Don & Annie Allspach

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Ken Johnson

Next Sunday – Ken Kramer

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Pat & Deb Prier

Next week – Paul Haan family

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 p.m. – Worship Service
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m. – Life Plus/Sunday School Christmas Program
	8:00 p.m. – Young Peoples
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 p.m. – “Home for Christmas” Program

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Helen Druvenga who will be observing her 93rd birthday on December 14, and to Duane Anderson who will be observing his 82nd birthday on December 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Congregational meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship.

Home for Christmas participants are asked to meet briefly in front of the sanctuary after this morning's service.

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

“A Christmas Concert Fantastique” will be Sunday, December 14 at 3 PM at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church. The concert will feature piano duets performed by Anna Mae Schnucker and Amy Truax. They will be assisted by many local musicians. Refreshments will follow the concert.

Please plan to join us the evening of Sunday, December 21, when we will have our annual fun-filled program, "Home for Christmas." If you would like to participate, please talk to Angie!

Donations of Christmas goodies would be appreciated for the Home for Christmas program next Sunday night.

Gift bags for dropping off cards for the shut-ins are in the south entry. The gift of cards will be delivered before Christmas, so get your cards in early and show you care and remember those unable to get out.

Back To God Ministries is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. It started with one radio program, on one station, in one Midwestern city. Now it is a worldwide thriving ministry. We will watch a special DVD during the offering today to find out more about this great ministry.

Our Young People will present the annual Candlelight Service on December 24th at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is “Lights Split the Night.”

Christmas Dinner: Pastor Rus and Mary invite anyone who has nowhere to go for Christmas to join in a dinner with church family in the Fellowship Hall on Christmas Day. A sign-up sheet is on the table so we can know how many to plan on. If you have any questions see Pastor or Mary.

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WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Lift up your hearts in prayer: lift up your voices in praise. Let your eyes rise in expectation and your hands in exultation, for the Lord has drawn near and dwells among us.

*Song: TCH 254 **Isn't He**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: Everlasting Father – Shephard Family
Song: TCH 44 **Crown Him King of Kings**

New Testament Reading: **John 1:1-14** (pg. 1645)

Special Music: Lou Jansen Solo

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Psalm 102** (pg. 938)

Message: **EVERLASTING**

Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

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

Morning Prayer

Special Music: Andrew Haan on the saxophone

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Christmas Cheer, Butler County

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*God's Blessing

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

*Postlude

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

December 14, 2014

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: **Psalm 31:23-24**

*Song of Praise: TCH 450 **Lift High the Cross**

*God's Greeting

Praise Selection: **Psalm 86** (pg. 924)

Hymn: TCH 732 **The Battle Belongs to the Lord**

Time of Prayer

Offertory & Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 674 **Who Is on the Lord's Side?**

Scripture: **Acts 5:17-42** (pg. 1698)

Message: **TRIALS**

Prayer of Application

*Hymn: TCH 602 **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 425 **Bind Us Together**

*Postlude

Council Notes of December 8th, 2014

Council Meeting of December 8th, 2014 was opened by reading II Corinthians 4: 18 and a passage from “Jesus Calling” by Sara Young & prayer by Pastor Rus.

Council minutes of the November 4th, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read for information.

Pastor’s Report: Monthly report of visits, activities and mileage was received for information.

Pulpit Committee: We will need pulpit supply for January 25, Rus will be doing a Classical pulpit exchange with Kanawha CRC which does not currently have a pastor.

Worship Committee reports:

Advent: Have families lined up for lighting of the Advent Wreath. There will be Special music on December 14 during the morning worship.

Sunday School/Life Plus Program will be Wednesday, December 17.

Home For Christmas Program is planned for the evening of December 21.

Candlelight Service lead by Young People is planned for Christmas Eve.

Outreach Committee and Worship committee met together and went over a demographic study and a report providing a projection of likely religious beliefs, preferences and practices of people living within a 3 mile radius of our church in Parkersburg. This information has helped us to understand our need to reach out in our community and how we might include everyone in worship.

Building & Ground Committee reported new batteries were installed in the chair lift.

Ryan Edeker presented the financial report. It was received for information.

Council will present a budget for the congregation to vote on this Sunday, after our morning worship.

Computers for the church – Council has decided to bring this issue to the congregation by asking for approximately \$5,000.00 through donations at the congregational meeting.

Faith Promise Campaign – Pastor Rus will have pledge forms to distribute at the congregational meeting on December 14th, 2014.

Motion to adjourn was made, supported and approved.

Concept minutes were read.

Kevin Meester closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting: January 5th, 2015 at 7:00 pm