

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness, come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:1,2

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

MUSICIAN:

GREETERS. Today –North door – Ryan & Stacy Edeker

South door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach

Next week – North door – Ken & Nancy Mehmen

South door – Pat & Deb Prier

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Clarence Karsjens

Next week, a.m. – Ken Johnson

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Don & Annie Allspach

Next week- Pat & Deb Prier

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today

9:30 a.m. –Worship Service

10:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Catechism

6:00 p.m. - Worship Service

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. – Life Plus

Young People's will follow.

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6:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas program

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Duane Anderson who will be observing his 81st birthday on December 20..

Thank you to Pastor Rus for being with me during my surgery and Pastor Rus and Mary for visiting me the hospital and the congregation for their cards and greetings. **Rod Mulder**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

The Budget Envelopes are now here and can be found in your mail slots.

You're invited to **Home for Christmas** next Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. where you'll experience all the fun and excitement of a downtown Christmas parade in front of Holly's Department Store! Lots of laughs, music, food, and the real meaning of Christmas will be shared! Please invite a friend (or two!).

Attention kids! You're invited to participate in the Home for Christmas program next Sunday night. Just dress like you're going to an outdoor Christmas parade. We'll be having a walk through next Sunday afternoon and the kids can arrive around 4:45 p.m. to go through their part a couple of times.

Home for Christmas participants are asked to be a church at 3:00 p.m. next Sunday afternoon to walk through the program. If you have any questions about your part please see Angie.

The **Sunday School & Life Plus Christmas program** will be Wednesday evening, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. Kids are asked to meet in the basement at 6:15 p.m.

There will be no **Life Plus** on December 25 or January 1.

Donations of Christmas goodies for Home for Christmas on Sunday evening, December 22 would be greatly appreciated.

Bingo at Maple Manor. It is our turn to assist the residents play Bingo on Friday, December 27th. Meet at the church at 1:45 to share rides. Madaline, Marie, Marge and Harold love it when we come.

Meal Delivery. It will be our turn to deliver meals during the month of January. A calendar can be found in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for the times you would like to deliver meals.

The Gift Bags for Christmas are in the south entry. Please remember the shut-ins of our church during the holiday season.

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Advent Week 3
WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude:

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Joel 2:1** “Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the Lord is coming. It is close at hand.” Come, let us worship God.

*Song: TCH 256 **Love Has Come!**

*God’s Greeting:

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: JoLynn and Lauren Husz
“John the Baptist”

TCH 245 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 12:2-6** (pg.1078):

Hymn of Response: TCH 244

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Mark 1:1-8** (pg. 1550)

Message: **IRONING IN A PERMA-PRESS WORLD**

Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

Hymn of Gratitude: TCH 266 **That Beautiful Name**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the (1) General Fund
(2) Ministry Shares

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

Hymn: Nativity Scene

Song: **The Nativity Prayer**

*God’s Blessing

*Closing Song: (Back Cover of song book)

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Postlude

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

December 15, 2013

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: **Psalm 100:1-3**

God's Greeting

Song of Praise: TCH 548 **As the Deer**

Praise Selection: Responsive Reading TCH 628
"I Will Be with You"

Hymn: TCH 640 **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

Time of Prayer

Offertory & Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 530 **I Will Call Upon the Lord**

Scripture **I Samuel 1:1-20** (pg. 418)

Message: **SORROW TO JOY**

Prayer of Application

Hymn: TCH 541 **The Joy of the Lord**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 627 **Cares Chorus**

*Postlude

