

Sunday, December 15, 2024

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

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

10:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Duane Anderson, who will be observing his 92nd birthday on December 20.

Congratulations to Mark and Lanae Kramer, who will be observing their 53rd anniversary on December 17.

Darlene Bruns was released from the hospital and is back at home recuperating.

The family of Annie Allspach would like to thank the congregation for memorial gifts given on behalf of Annie. The funds went to advance the mission work of Mike and Victoria VanDerDyke and Laura Edeker, and also to the Sunshine Circle.

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 A-P Food Pantry.

We welcome D.J. Steen to our pulpit this morning.

For our lunch on December 29, we're going to have a Chili Cookoff Contest! Break out those family recipes and secret ingredients, and show up in two weeks with a pot of your finest chili! Or, if you'd prefer, bring along a salad, side dish or dessert! Hope to see you there!

Gift bags are in the fellowship hall for everyone to drop a Christmas card in for four of the members of our congregation. Please have your cards in the gift bags by Sunday, December 22.

The congregational meeting will be held on December 22, 2024. If you will be gone and you'd like an absentee ballot, please let Council know.

We are incredibly thankful for the progress we've made in meeting our budget this year. However, as we approach the end of the year, we still have further to go to fully meet our financial needs. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to help us close the gap. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our church family.

Upcoming Speakers:

December 22 – David Harms

December 25 – Randy Aalderks

December 29 – Shannon Ries

The General Fund collection for December 8 was \$1,424.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

December 15, 2024 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Hymn: TCH 259 **Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading – The Joy of Home

Song: TCH 270 **Joy to the World!** (v. 1, 2 & 4)
TCH 271 **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Faith Promise

*Hymn: TCH 262 **Away in a Manger**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Luke 2:1-16** (pg. 1590)

Message: **THE MESSIAH'S MANGER**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 265 **The First Noel** (v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

*Postlude