

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

***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, Jodi DeBerg, & Angie Meester

**GREETERS.** Today – North Door – Dennis & Lois Mennen  
South Door – Kevin & Shelly Meester

**Next Sunday:** North Door – Dale & Angie Meester

South Door – Pat & Deb Prier

**USHERS.** Today – Gerald Haan

**Next Sunday** – Delbert Cordes

**VALET PARKING.** Today – Rollyn DeGroot

**Next Sunday** – John Oltman

**COFFEE SERVERS.** This week – Don & Annie Allspach

Next week – John & Karen Oltman

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** This week – Deb & JoLynne

Next week – *No Sunday School*

*Please note: If there are any differences between the schedule in the bulletin and the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff, please follow the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff.*

#### **THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC**

Today	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	6:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. – Knitting and Crochet Group
Wednesday	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
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#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Duane Anderson, who will be observing his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 20.

**There are gift bags** in the Fellowship Hall with the names of our shut-ins attached so that Christmas greetings can be sent. The cards will be delivered after Sunday, December 23, so you have time to send your greetings.

#### **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.

**This evening we will have** our annual Home for Christmas program, with a Very Victorian theme. Choir members from Union High School will be singing in a Dickens/English style, with some of our local talent mixed in, as well. Following the program will be a light supper for which donations of pies would be appreciated! We hope to see you all here for a Very Victorian Home for Christmas!

**Home for Christmas** walk-through will be at 4:00 p.m. tonight.

**Hook and Needles Knitting and Crochet Group** will meet on Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Today we continue** our Advent series based on the Bible study by John Birch, entitled, "What a Gift!" Today we will look at the gift of myrrh. We will follow that with the journey of the wisemen, and on Christmas Day, discover the most precious gift of all, Emmanuel!

**The General Fund Collection** for December 9 was \$2,312.78. The target amount for each week is \$2,411.00.

**SPEC'N DICKEN / PANCAKE MEAL:** Please join Timothy Christian School for an authentic German pancake meal served with applesauce and drink at the Parkersburg Veterans Building (101 Colfax Street) on Monday, January 7, 2019. Serving from 4:30-7 pm. Sugar-free syrup available. Free will donation. New this year, we are also offering regular pancakes. We hope to see you there!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Dec 16 – 6:00 pm – A Very Victorian Home for Christmas

Dec 24 – 7:00 pm – Candlelight Service

Dec 25 – 9:30 am – Christmas Day Service

Dec 26 & Jan 2 – No Life Plus

Jan 9 – 6:15 pm – Life Plus Resumes

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

Morning Service

December 9, 2018 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: The mighty God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

**All: Our God comes and will not be silent. God calls, and we respond to his love.**

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

**All: We tell out God's glories!**

Leader: Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

**All: And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever.**

\*Song: TCH 278 **Angels We Have Heard on High**  
TCH 249 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: Myrrh – Man of Sorrows

\*Hymn: TCH 281 (v. 1,3) **What Child Is This**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 253 **Silent Night**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Matthew 2:1-12** (pg. 1497)

Message: **SUCH GIFTS FROM THE WISE**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 251 **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 271 **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

\*Postlude