Sunday, December 17, 2017

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 – Rollyn & Kathy DeGroot

South Door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach

Next Sunday: North Door – Ken & Janet Johnson

South Door – Gene & Janet Venenga **USHERS.** Today, a.m. – Gerald Haan

Next Sunday – Mark Kramer

VALET PARKING. Today – Kevin Meester

Next Sunday – Mike Stirling

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Don & Annie Allspach

Next week – John & Karen Oltman

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Amy & Kay, 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 in Song

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Sunday School/Life Plus Program

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Duane Anderson, who will be observing his 85th birthday on December 20.

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.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS IN SONG tonight at 6 p.m. Please come to enjoy special music, lots of congregational Christmas carols, and the Christmas story for the kids at the end of the program. Beefburgers and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Donations of Christmas goodies would be very much appreciated!

A run-through of Home for Christmas will be at 4 p.m. today. All special music folks should be prepared to practice. You may want to bring along clothes for the program tonight as there may not be enough time to go home to change.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS ANIMALS - The Sunday School/Life Plus Christmas program will be held on Wednesday evening, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us as we listen in on what the animals thought of that first Christmas in the stable! Kids should meet in the basement at 6 p.m.

There will be no Life Plus on Wednesday, December 27.

The General Fund Collection for December 10 was \$1,310.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

December 17, 2017 – 9:30 AM **WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 5:7-8

*Song: TCH 256 Love Has Come

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: "Joyful News"

Song: TCH 270 Joy to the World

Old Testament Reading: Micah 7:7-20 (pg. 1449)

Special Music: Jodi Nielson – "Mary, Did You Know"

Morning Prayer

Special Music: Lu Jansen

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 271 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: Luke 3:1-18 (pg. 1593)

Message: GOOD NEWS FOR VIPERS

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 269 How Great Our Joy

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 263 What Can I Give Him?

*Postlude