

Sunday, December 18, 2022

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

10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

4:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas

Saturday 6:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Duane Anderson, who will be observing his 90th birthday on December 20.

Marlyn Allspach underwent open heart surgery last week and is recovering well. The family has not been given a time when he will come home at the time of this announcement.

Please remember those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card in these trying days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

Today is the last day for the shut-in card bags as they will be delivered this week.

The annual “Home For Christmas” program will be Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church at 807 Grant St. The Union Carolers from Union High School in LaPorte City will be there, as well as Tuba Tim and the Dohrn-Haug, a brass quartet of Tim Pollock, Adam Dorhn, and Christian and Cameron Haugstad. Coffee and punch will follow the program. Hope to see you there.

Please join the Young People on Saturday, December 24 at 6:30 pm as they present "Christmas Gifts" along with the traditional lighting of the candles on Christmas Eve.

Calvary Baptist Church would like to welcome one and all to join us, along with the NAB Regional Minister, for the installation of Pastor Nicholas Galtman, on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:15am. Refreshments and fellowship after service.

The General Fund Collection for December 11 was \$7,241.51. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$87.00.

Upcoming Events

December 18, 4:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas

December 24, 6:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service

December 25, 9:30 p.m. – Christmas Day Service

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

December 18, 2022 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Responsive Reading**

*Song: TCH 285 **O Holy Night!**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Candle Lighting – Love

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

Scripture: **Genesis 3:8-9** (pg. 5)

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Song: TCH 277 **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

Advent Reading

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **John 1:1-14** (pg. 1645)

Message: **THE TRUE LIGHT**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 278 **Angels We Have Heard on High**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

*Postlude