

Sunday, December 20, 2015

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

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Jean Trey

South Door – Delbert & Sharon Cordes

Next Sunday: North Door – Cory & Kamie Shepard

South Door – Ken & Rhonda Meester

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Dale Meester

Next Sunday – Gerald Haan

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Haan Family

Next week – John & Karen Oltman

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
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	6:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service
Friday	9:30 a.m. – Christmas Service
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Duane Anderson who will be observing his 83rd birthday on December 20.

Congratulations to Paul and Ruth Haan, who will be observing their 53rd anniversary on December 26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The second offering next Sunday will be for Faith Promise.

Final Church Directory Update: We are making final changes to the new Church Directory and would like to send in the copy before Christmas. If you have had any changes to the Directory Information you gave when your pictures were taken in June -- such as telephone number (either landline or cell), or e-mail address, please fill out a Directory Update sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall before Christmas. Return the Updated Forms to the mailbox of Chelsea Meester or Darrell Druvenga. This will be the final chance to make any changes. Thank you!

Our annual fun-filled Home for Christmas program will be Sunday evening, December 20. Plan to join us as we listen to “heaven and nature sing” at the not always peaceful log cabin in the snowy mountains!

Practice for tonight’s program will begin at 3 p.m. this afternoon. Please bring everything you need for your part along with you. Kids, if you have an animal hat, please wear it tonight!

You are welcome to bring any Christmas goodies or appetizers for the Home for Christmas program tonight. It doesn't have to be sweets, anything you'd like to bring would be a nice addition. Thanks as always!

This year we have gift bags in the South Entry so that we can remember our shut-ins. You are encouraged to place a card in the gift bags for those members who are not able to be with us regularly for worship to remind them they are not forgotten, especially at this time of year. The gift bags will be delivered after Sunday, December 20.

Candlelight Service: The annual Candlelight service will be held Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. (please note the time). Our Young People will be sharing five "Lights of Christmas." We hope you can come.

Nowhere to go for Christmas this year? Then you are invited to sign up in the Fellowship Hall to join Pastor Rus and Mary for a Christmas Dinner and fellowship as part of the family at church. We look forward to spending time with you as we remember the reason for the season.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

December 20, 2015 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude:

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Psalm 121:1-2**

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

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: **Angels** – Haan Family
Special Music by Marcia & Janet

Old Testament Prophecy: **Isaiah 50:3-10** (pg. 1141)

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 2:13-18** (pg. 1498)

Message: **GUARDIAN AND MESSENGER**

Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

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

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Food Pantry

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 277 **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

*God's Blessing

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

*Postlude