

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

*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  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service  
Thursday 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Service  
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**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 the A-P Food Pantry.

**We welcome** Pastor Tom Niehof to our pulpit this morning.

**Join us for** the Candlelight service on Wednesday, December 24 at 6:30 PM and for the Christmas Service on Thursday, December 25 at 9:30 AM.

**A minister that** we are looking at to be our pastor will be the minister for the service on January 4. We ask that everyone who

is able please attend the service that day. We will be having a meal after the service.

**Starting January 4**, the deacons will begin picking up the offering again.

**The Worship Committee** has chosen “SEASONS OF STILLNESS” for our theme for the Advent Readings. When we change our focus from a place of chaos and confusion to a place where peace, joy, hope, love and calm, surrender, and stillness in His presence dwell, we can take our journey to the manger where we will meet the Prince of Peace. We are here because of a divine appointment. God has chosen us to be here today to learn what it is to be in a season of seeking. So, keep your lamps burning and your sandals close at hand because we're on our way to Bethlehem!

**Christmas cards can** be placed in everyone's mail slot. We will not be doing the sacks this year for the shut-ins and/or elderly, but we encourage all members to drop a card, a short note, or just a Christmas greeting to each of our members. We will make sure that all of those who do not pick up their mail will get it delivered. There are members that we may not have seen for a while. This is a very good way to minister and encourage them.

**SPEC'N DICKEN / PANCAKE FUNDRAISER MEAL:** Please join Timothy Christian School for an authentic German spec'n dicken pancake meal served with applesauce and drink at the Parkersburg Veterans Building on Monday, January 12, 2025. Serving from 4:30-7 PM. Regular pancakes are also served. Sugar-free syrup available. Carry-outs available. Free will donation. We hope to see you there!

**Upcoming Speakers:**

December 21 – Tom Niehof

December 25 – Randy Aalderks

December 28 – Steve Debner

**If you need** someone to perform pastoral duties, please contact one of the Elders:

Ken Mehmen – (319) 269-1184

Pat Prier – (641) 640-4080

Mike Ascher – (319) 239-0637

Please feel free to contact any Council member with any questions you might have.

**The General Fund collection** for December 14 was \$2,848.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Butler County Christmas Cheer totaled \$171.00.

**Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 121:****Q: Why the words “in heaven”?**

A: These words teach us not to think of God’s heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything for body and soul from his almighty power.

*-HC and ME: The Heidelberg Catechism for Christian Living (2006), Faith Alive Christian Resources*

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

December 21, 2025 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Song: TCH 267 **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading

Song: TCH 281 **What Child Is This?**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) Butler County Christmas Cheer

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

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Isaiah 60:1-3, I John 3:1-3**

Message: **CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 256 **Love Has Come!**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

\*Postlude