

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

*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  
10:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service  
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Service  
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**We extend** our sympathies to Clarence and the Karsjens family in the passing of Clarence's sister Mary Ann Bergman on December 9.

**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.

**There will be** no second offering next Sunday.

**We welcome** David Harms to our pulpit this morning.

**The congregational meeting** will be held after the service this morning.

**For our lunch** on December 29, we're going to have a Chili Cookoff Contest! Break out those family recipes and secret ingredients, and show up next week with a pot of your finest chili! Or, if you'd prefer, bring along a salad, side dish or dessert! Hope to see you there!

**Gift bags are in** the fellowship hall for everyone to drop a Christmas card in for four of the members of our congregation. Please have your cards in the gift bags by today.

**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 (101 Colfax Street) on Monday, January 13, 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 22 – David Harms  
December 25 – Randy Aalderks  
December 29 – Shannon Ries

**The General Fund collection** for December 15 was \$388.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Faith Promise totaled 120.00.

**Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 21:**

**Q: What is true faith?**

A: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

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

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

December 22, 2024 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Hymn: TCH 286 **Once in Royal David's City** (v. 1, 2, 4)

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading – The Blessing of Home

Song: TCH 258 **Go, Tell It On the Mountain**  
TCH 279 **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) A-P Food Pantry

\*Hymn: TCH 250 **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (v. 1, 2, 4)

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Luke 2:1-7** (pg. 1590)

Message: **FINDING ROOM**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 280 **One Small Child**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

\*Postlude