

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

***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  
6:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service  
Monday 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Morning Service  
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. – Pastor Rus' Farewell Lunch

### **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.

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

**The Consistory** has approved having a Retirement Gathering to honor Pastor Rus and Mary's last day as Pastor and Congregation on December 31 following our morning service. There will be a catered meal by Nate (Woody) Woodley. He will be preparing pork loin, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, and salads. There will be cake for dessert. **In order for Woody to have enough for everyone, there is a sign-up sheet for all who plan to attend on the podium in the south entryway.** The sign-up sheet will be picked up on Sunday, December 24. Please sign up and let's fill the Hall!

**This year the** Worship Committee has decided to focus on the genealogy of Jesus through specific women of the Bible: **Tamar** (*Genesis 38, Matthew 1:1-3, Romans 8:35-39*); **Rahab** (*Joshua 2, Matthew 1:5, James 2:25-26, Romans 8:1-2*); **Bathsheba** (*2 Samuel 11:1-12:25*); **Ruth** (*Ruth, Matthew 1:3-6, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 16:10, Micah 6:38*); **Mary** (*Matthew 1:15-25, Galatians 4:4-7, Ephesians 3:17-19*). By the end of this Advent Season, we will know how God can use anyone to be a part of His Redemption plan.

### **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 8, 2024. 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!

**The General Fund collection** for December 10 was \$1,295.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sun., Dec. 24 – 6:30 PM** – Candlelight Service

**Mon., Dec. 25 – 9:30 AM** – Christmas Morning Service

**Sun., Dec. 31** – Pastor Rus's farewell sermon followed by a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

December 24, 2023 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 13:5-6

\*Hymn: TCH 271 **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading

Song: TCH 275 **Sing We Now of Christmas**

New Testament Reading: **I Corinthians 13** (pg. 1786)

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

Morning Prayer

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

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

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Ruth 4:13-22** (pg. 416)

Message: **GOD'S LOVE**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 240 **Of the Father's Love Begotten**

\*God's Blessing

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

\*Postlude