Sunday, December 25, 2016

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 – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach

South Door – Rollyn & Kathy DeGroot

Next Sunday: North Door – Gene & Janet Venenga

South Door – Ken & Janet Johnson **USHERS.** Today, a.m. – Dale Meester

Next Sunday – Gerald Haan

VALET PARKING. Today – Ken Mehmen

Next Sunday – Ken Meester

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – *Coffee will be on for whoever wants a cup!*

Next week -

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – No Sunday School

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THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time at Jean Trey's house

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

6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Duane Anderson, who will be observing his 84th birthday on December 20.

Congratulations to Paul and Ruth Haan, who will be observing their 60th anniversary on December 26.

Madeline Geiken was admitted to Allen Hospital after suffering a stroke on Wednesday. She is recovering well but your prayers are still coveted for her complete healing.

Pastor Rus and Mary pray that everyone will experience the true joy of Christmas this year. May the peace of Christ fill your hearts as we celebrate the gift of God in Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

There will be no Life Plus on December 28.

We are overwhelmed by the support our congregation extended for our Journey through Bethlehem and the Live Nativity. So many had a part in this year's Life Plus and Sunday School presentation. The story was told, reenactment of Bethlehem's market place and above all the Beautiful Nativity portrayed of our Savior's birth. We thank you for your monetary support, as well, throughout the year. Our children's ministry is truly blessed. **Deb & Angie**

The General Fund Collection for December 11 was \$1,330.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church December 25, 2016 – 9:30 AM WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:6-7

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

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting: John & Karen Oltman Song: TCH 86 Jesus, Name Above All Names

The Christmas Story

*Hymn: TCH 250 **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund

2) Food Pantry

Hymn: TCH 259 Angels from the Realms of Glory

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Revelation 22:7-17** (pg. 1938)

Message: **PROMISED ARRIVAL**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 258 Go Tell It on the Mountain

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 243 Emmanuel

*Postlude