

Sunday, December 25, 2022

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

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Marlyn Allspach returned home last Monday from Mercy hospital and is doing well.

Kathy DeGroot was admitted to Sartori hospital for an infection.

Please remember those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card in these trying days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

Calvary Baptist Church would like to welcome one and all to join us, along with the NAB Regional Minister, for the installation of Pastor Nicholas Galtman, on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:15am. Refreshments and fellowship after service.

The General Fund Collection for December 18 was \$1,293.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68.

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 9, 2023. 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!

Dates of Christmas: Many people wonder why Christmas is celebrated on Dec 25th. The key to determining the date of Jesus's birth lies in the date of his death at Passover, for which information was available. Around 200 AD, Roman theologians calculated the day that Jesus was crucified according to the Gospel of John was 14 Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, which is equivalent to March 25. This was important because according to ancient Jewish tradition, the righteous die on either their birthday or the date of their conception. Since the conception of Jesus was miraculous, March 25 became identified as the date of Jesus's conception, and it is recognized as the Annunciation of our Lord. March 25 is nine months before December 25.

Meanwhile, in the east, theologians similarly linked the dates of Jesus's conception and death, but instead of using 14 Nisan, they used the 14th of the spring month in their Greek calendar, which is April 6 in our calendar. April 6 is nine months before Jan. 6. Dec 25th gradually became accepted as the date for Christmas, although Jan. 6 is still considered an important holiday in eastern churches, and it has become identified with Epiphany in the West.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church
Christmas Service**

December 25, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting – Love

CANDLELIGHT

Responsive Reading

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

Leader: He came as a baby in a manger.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: He came to be our Savior.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: With joy and gladness,

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: He comes to us each day in his Word of promise.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to him,

C: and walk in his ways.

Leader: He will come again to take us to himself in heaven.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregational Hymn: TCH 249 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Gift of **Love**

Choral Reading: Oh How I Love Jesus

Gift of the **World**

God Made - Actions provided by Lola, Lillian & Pearl

Gift of his **Word**

Open the Bible - Actions provided by Lola, Lillian & Pearl

Gift of **Jesus**

Congregational Hymn: TCH 261 **Away In a Manger**

Gift of **Salvation**

Gift of **Faith**

Gift of **Forgiveness**

Congregational Hymn: TCH 281 **What Child Is This?**

Gift of **Freedom**

Gift of **Healing**

Gift of **Family**

Gift of **Peace**

Congregational Hymn: **Let There Be Peace**

Gift of **Eternal Life**

Gift of **Joy**

Congregational Hymn: TCH 270 **Joy to the World** (1, 2 & 4)

What Can I Give? - **My Heart**

What Can I Give? - **My Talents**

What Can I Give? - **My Praises**

GOD OFFERS ALL THESE GIFTS TO ALL PEOPLE

Congregational Hymn: TCH 253 **Silent Night** (1, 2 & 4)

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Advent Reading

*Song: TCH 262 **Away In a Manger** (v. 1)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Luke 2:8-12** (pg. 1591)

Message: **IMPLIED RESPONSE**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 273 **Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

*Postlude