

**Sunday, December 28, 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

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

10:30 a.m. – Meat and Greet Meal

11:30 a.m. – Council Meeting

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Mel Riebkes, who will be observing his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 2.

**Please remember** Lois Mennen in your prayers. She has an infection in her right eye and needs eye drops every two hours. When that clears up, she may have surgery to remove a small growth in that eye. Also remember Dennis and others as they help take care of her.

**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** Steve Debner to our pulpit this morning.

**Pastor Kevin Van Wyk** will be the minister for the service on January 4. He has been interviewing with the search committee and we are hopeful that he will want to join us as our minister. We ask that everyone who is able please attend the service that day. We will be having a meal after the service.

**Are you wondering** when the next Fellowship Meal will be served? The answer is January 4<sup>th</sup> after the service. There will be a "MEAT and GREET" buffet. This will be a great time to get to meet the Van Wyks! Please bring all kinds of or your favorite salads, veggies and desserts that you think go well with meatballs and ham balls! We will make some mashed potatoes. Anybody getting hungry?

**Council will meet** on Sunday, January 4, after the meal.

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

**The Sunshine Circle** would like to THANK all of you that participated in the NOVEMBER THANK OFFERING. We were able to add \$265.00 to the checking account! This will help us to keep buying kitchen supplies, cards, stamps and flowers for special occasions! And we can still support our missionaries and other projects. We appreciate your gifts.

**The General Fund collection** for December 14 was \$2,384.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$120.00.

### **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 28 – Steve Debner

January 4 – Kevin Van Wyk

January 11 – Travis Konig

January 18 – Randy Raak

January 25 – Brent Janssen

**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.

### **Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 122:**

#### **Q: What does the first request mean?**

A: Hallowed be your name means, help us to really know you, to bless, worship, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them; your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means, help us to direct all our living – what we think, say, and do, so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

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

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

December 28, 2025 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Song: TCH 207 **We Have Come to Join in Worship**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading

Song: TCH 526 **The Solid Rock**

Morning Prayer

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

\*Hymn: TCH 786 **Count Your Blessings** (verses 1,2,4)

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Psalm 34:8** (pg. 871)

Message: **TASTE AND SEE**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 682 **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 237 **Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy  
Blessing**

\*Postlude