

Sunday, December 3, 2017

*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, Jodi DeBerg, & Angie Meester

**GREETERS.** Today – North Door – Ken & Nancy Mehmen

South Door – Clarence & June Karsjens

**Next Sunday:** North Door – Dennis & Sharon Schipper

South Door – Arnie & Kay Swanson

**USHERS.** Today, a.m. – Ken Kramer

**Next Sunday –**

**VALET PARKING.** Today – John Oltman

**Next Sunday –** Ken Mehmen

**COFFEE SERVERS.** This week – Clarence & June Karsjens

Next week – Steve & Charlene Kramer

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** This week – Ryan & Stacy, Deb

Next week – Kayla & Shelly, Stacy

*Please note: If there are any differences between the schedule in the bulletin and the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff, please follow the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff.*

#### **THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC**

Today	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	4:30 p.m. – Bible Study
Wednesday	1:30 p.m. – Christmas Tea
	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	4:30 p.m. – Bible Study
	6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Bernice Freemon** has been admitted to Hospice care at Allen Hospital. Please pray that our God of grace will be with her and her family during this time of waiting on Him.

**We want to express** our sincere thanks for your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy at the passing of my brother, Donald Uhlenhopp. May God bless each one of you. **June and Clarence Karsjens**

**Karen and John** have been blessed with a new grandson. Aiden James was born Tuesday, November 28. Congratulations to Kevin and Jenny Oltman.

**Greeting Cards for our Shut-ins:** Gift bags are in the south entry way so that cards may be collected for our shut-ins. They will be delivered before Christmas.

#### **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 evening worship tonight so everyone may attend the community wide "Welcome Christmas" service at the Congregational Church beginning at 4 PM.

**Council is scheduled** to meet tomorrow, Monday, December 4, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Save the date!** On Wednesday, December 6th at 1:30 the annual Christmas Tea will be held. Our special guest will be Janna Voss who will be sharing her beautiful ceramics with us. The title of her talk is "God Is The Potter". All ladies are invited help start the Christmas season in a special way. Hope to see you there.

**Bingo at Maple Manor:** It is our turn to assist the residents to play bingo on Friday, December 8th. Meet at the church at 1:45 to share rides. Let's bring the Christmas Spirit along to help cheer them up.

**The General Fund Collection** for November 26 was \$861.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

**COMMUNITY-WIDE WELCOME CHRISTMAS SERVICE DECEMBER 3:** The Parkersburg Ministerial Association, a collaboration that includes the pastors from all of the churches in Parkersburg, is planning a community-wide Christmas service. They invite the entire community to a special service to welcome the Christmas season. The service will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 401 3rd Street in Parkersburg. The theme is "The Light of the World." The service will include a variety of scripture readings, special musical selections, congregational hymns, and a love offering for the ministerial fund. Following the service refreshments will be served. All are welcome to come and enjoy this Christmas service for the entire community.

**Looking Ahead** - The Sunday School/Life Plus Christmas program will be held Wednesday, evening, December 20, at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday Evening, December 17** - Something different is coming!! After many years of our annual Home for Christmas program, we've decided to retire it for various reasons. We are going to replace it with a Sunday evening of special numbers from the Home for Christmas musicians, as well as lots of congregational Christmas carols! There will still also be the Christmas story for all the kids at the end of the program, with a light lunch of Christmas goodies served afterwards. So if you have in the past been part of Home for Christmas music, please get in touch with Angie Meester so our new program can be put together! (Donations of Christmas goodies will also be appreciated!)

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

December 3, 2017 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Psalm 111:1, 9**

\*Opening Song: TCH 241 **Arise, Shine**  
TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: "A Star for Hope" Readers: DeBerg Family  
Song: TCH 285 **O Holy Night!**

New Testament Reading: **Matthew 1:18-25** (pg. 1497)

\*Hymn: TCH 294 **One Day**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 245 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Jeremiah 29:4-14** (pg. 1221)

Message: **HOPE AND A FUTURE**

Prayer of Dedication

### **RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 293 **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 54 **My Tribute**

\*Postlude