

Sunday, December 3, 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
4:00 p.m. – Welcome Christmas Community Service
Monday 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – Sunshine Circle Christmas Tea
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mel Riebkes had a heart procedure done this past Tuesday. All went well and he is back home.

Many thanks to all of you for the singing and well-wishes for our anniversary. God bless. **John & Ellen Hanna**

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.

This afternoon, at 4 PM, the Ministerial Association will be holding our Welcome Christmas Service at our church. Refreshments and a fellowship time will follow.

Council will meet on Monday, December 4 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday after the morning worship we will hold our Congregational Meeting for approving the budget. The proposed budget is in the mailboxes for your review.

The gift bags for Christmas cards for the shut ins are available in the Fellowship Hall for you to place greetings in again this year.

The time has come to invite all you ladies to come to the Annual Sunshine Circle Tea. It will be held this coming Wednesday, December 6, at 1 PM in our Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Darrel Druvenga who will be sharing about his trips to the Holy Land. Our special feature guest is Carol Smiley who is an artist who paints Nativity scenes. Kay Swanson will be our hostess again this year and Tracy Huisinga has agreed to prepare our one-of-a-kind refreshment treats!! We hope that you can join us for an afternoon of Christmas Fellowship.

A huge thank you for all the hours, funds, transportation, and filled shoeboxes donated to Operation Christmas Child! 741 children will hear the salvation story thanks to the number of boxes we collected from surrounding communities! We praise God for this fun and exciting ministry!

Holy Family Parish, St Gabriel Church, Reinbeck, Iowa, Holiday Cookie & Candy Walk and Bazaar, will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. People may purchase a large box for \$15 or a small box for \$8 and fill it with the cookies and candies of their choice. Pre-filled large boxes are available for \$17 and small for \$10. Homemade cinnamon rolls will be served and craft items for sale. Several holiday vendors will also be present. The church is handicap accessible. St Gabriel Church is 5 miles South of Hwy. 20 (Dike exit) on CR T55.

The General Fund collection for November 26 was \$1,113.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68. The collection for Student Connection totaled \$83.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 3 – 4:00 PM – Welcome Christmas Community Service at our church

Wed., Dec. 6 – 1:00 PM – The Sunshine Christmas Tea

Sun., Dec. 17 – 4:00 PM – Home for Christmas

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 3, 2023 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:4-5

*Hymn: TCH 270 **Joy to the World**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 277 **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

New Testament Reading: II Corinthians 3:7-18 (pg. 1797)

*Hymn: TCH 279 **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Butler County Christmas Cheer

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Genesis 38** (pg. 62)
Matthew 1:3 (pg. 1496)

Message: **MORE RIGHTEOUS**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

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

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

*Postlude