

Sunday, December 6, 2015

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 – Mark & Lanae Kramer
South Door – Ken & Janet Johnson

Next Sunday: North Door – Pastor Rus & Mary Boersma
South Door – Henry & Kathy Heeren

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Ken Kramer

Next Sunday – Ken Mehmen

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Don & Annie Allspach
Next week – Pat & Deb Prier

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School 4:00 p.m. – Welcome Christmas Worship
Monday	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. – Knitting and Crochet Group
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall 6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School 6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Mildred Rewerts, who will be observing her 87th birthday on December 7.

Congratulations to Ken and Janet Johnson, who will be observing their 52nd anniversary on December 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

Today, after our morning worship, we hold our Congregational Meeting to set the budget for the next year.

Everyone is invited to the community Welcome Christmas Worship at our church on Sunday afternoon, December 6 at 4 PM (note the time!). This service is sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Parkersburg. A time of fellowship will be offered after the worship time in the Fellowship Hall. Group 3 will serve lunch and bring sandwiches. Donations of bars or cookies from the congregation will be appreciated.

Council will meet on Monday evening at 7 PM.

Knitting and Crochet Group will meet on Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

125th Anniversary Committee will have a short meeting after church next week (December 13).

Bingo at Maple Manor: We will be assisting the residents at 2:00 on Friday, December 11. Bring a small Christmas ornament or toy. Meet at the church at 1:45 to share rides.

Anna Mae Schnucker and Amy Truax will perform A Christmas Concert Fantastique on Sunday, December 13 at 3 PM at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church. They will be playing a variety of Christmas piano duets. They will be assisted by other area musicians. Refreshments will follow the concert.

This year we have gift bags in the South Entry so that we can remember our shut-ins. You are encouraged to place a card in the gift bags for those members who are not able to be with us regularly for worship to remind them they are not forgotten, especially at this time of year. The gift bags will be delivered after Sunday, December 20.

Nowhere to go for Christmas this year? Then you are invited to sign up in the Fellowship Hall to join Pastor Rus and Mary for a Christmas Dinner and fellowship as part of the family at church. We look forward to spending time with you as we remember the reason for the season.

Our annual fun-filled Home for Christmas program will be Sunday evening, December 20. Plan to join us as we listen to “heaven and nature sing” at the not always peaceful log cabin in the snowy mountains! All participants are asked to meet briefly in the front of the sanctuary after the morning’s congregational meeting. If you have not yet been contacted to be part of the program, but are interested in participating, please let Angie know today.

Thank you to all who assisted with Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during National Collection Week! As a Relay Center, we delivered a record 528 shoeboxes to the Collection Center in Waterloo on November 23, who in turn trucked 16,890 shoeboxes to the Processing Center in Minneapolis. Final numbers for the entire region are not in yet, but appeared to be up. Also a big thank you to everyone who provided gift-filled boxes and monetary support!

The Sunday School-Life Plus Christmas program will be performed on Wednesday evening, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. The children will meet in the basement at 6:15 that night. Please plan to come out and enjoy the program as the kids share with us what the Christmas decorations and traditions symbolize!

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church
December 6, 2015 – 9:30 AM
WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude:

Welcome

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*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

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TCH 244 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Special Music by Andrew Haan

Prophecy of Christ: **Isaiah 42:1-9** (pg. 1124)

*Hymn of Response: TCH 240 **Of the Father's Love Begotten**

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