

**Sunday, December 7, 2014**

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. Psalm 89*

**THANK YOU** to those who are serving us during worship today.

**MUSICIANS:** Jan Johnson & Angie Meester

**GREETERS.** Today – North Door – Dennis & Sharon Schipper

South Door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach

**Next Sunday:** North Door – Ken & Nancy Mehmen

South Door – Pat & Deb Prier

**USHERS.** Today, a.m. – Ken Meester

**Next Sunday** – Ken Johnson

**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 & Catechism
Monday	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
	8:00 p.m. – Young Peoples
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
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#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Mildred Rewerts who will be observing her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 7.

**Congratulations** to Ken and Janet Johnson who will be observing their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary on December 10.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**The second offering** next Sunday will be for Christmas Cheer in Butler County.

**Council will meet** Monday at 7 PM.

**Knitting and Crochet Group** will meet Tuesday at 1:30 PM.

**It is our turn** to help the residents play Bingo on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Meet at church at 1:45 to share rides.

**Reminder of** the Congregational meeting scheduled for next Sunday, December 14 following the morning worship.

**Please plan** to join us the evening of Sunday, December 21, when we will have our annual fun-filled program, "Home for Christmas." If you would like to participate, please talk to Angie!

**Our Young People** will present the annual Candlelight Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is “Lights Split the Night.”

**Gift bags** for dropping off cards for the shut-ins are in the south entry. The gift of cards will be delivered before Christmas, so get your cards in early and show you care and remember those unable to get out.

**Christmas Dinner:** Pastor Rus and Mary invite anyone who has nowhere to go for Christmas to join in a dinner with church family in the Fellowship Hall on Christmas Day. A sign-up sheet is on the table so we can know how many to plan on. If you have any questions see Pastor or Mary.

**Welcome Christmas 2014:** Please plan to join in and “*Welcome Christmas*” with a special community-wide service on Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>. The service will take place at 4:00 PM at First Congregational Church. It will feature Christmas hymns, scripture reading from the area pastors, along with special music pieces sprinkled throughout. Following the service there will be a time of community fellowship. Each church will be responsible for providing 2 dozen cookies or bars. Please plan to attend this service of blessing to welcome the Christmas season.

**“A Christmas Concert Fantastique”** will be Sunday, December 14 at 3 PM at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church. The concert will feature piano duets performed by Anna Mae Schnucker and Amy Truax. They will be assisted by many local musicians. Refreshments will follow the concert.

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**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our community, and in all creation. Let us worship God.

\*Song: TCH 244 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: Mighty God – Reints Family

Song: TCH 44 **Crown Him King of Kings**

Reading for the Psalms: **Psalm 77** (pg. 913)

\*Hymn of Response: TCH 245 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Special Music: Lou Jansen Solo

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Isaiah 60:10-18** (pg. 1156)

Message: **MIGHTY WITH PURPOSE**

Prayer of Dedication

**SERVICE OF CONSECRATION**

\*Hymn of Gratitude: TCH 266 **That Beautiful Name**

Morning Prayer

Special Music: Andrew Haan on the Saxophone

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) Ministry Shares

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

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 815 **Doxology**

\*Postlude