

Sunday, December 7, 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
10:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – Sunshine Circle at Peppercorn Pantry
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to John and Ellen Hanna, who observed their 58th anniversary on December 1.

Congratulations to John and Karen Oltman, who will be observing their 54th anniversary on December 10.

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.

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

We welcome Pastor Rus Boersma to our pulpit this morning.

We will have a congregational meeting this morning after the service.

Notice to the Sunshine Circle Ladies: Our Christmas Gathering will be at Peppercorn Pantry at 11:00 AM this coming Wednesday, December 10th. Anyone is welcome to join us for a good time with good food and good friends! Please RSVP today by telling Jan if you can come. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Our packing party on November 16 yielded 60 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These contributed to Parkersburg CRC's, as a regional drop-off location, total record-breaking collection of 1,100 shoeboxes for this area! We are so grateful for all the churches and individuals who brought in boxes, and especially thankful for all our volunteers who helped in so many ways to make collection week a huge success! Please pray for the 1,100 children who will be receiving these shoebox gifts, that they may come to know Jesus as their Savior and share this news with their families and friends! The church continues to grow!

The Worship Committee has chosen "SEASONS OF STILLNESS" for our theme for the Advent Readings. When we change our focus from a place of chaos and confusion to a place where peace, joy, hope, love and calm, surrender, and stillness in His presence dwell, we can take our journey to the manger where we will meet the Prince of Peace. We are here because of a divine appointment. God has chosen us to be here today to learn what peace, real peace, can be in our daily lives. So keep your lamps burning and your sandals close at hand because we're on our way to Bethlehem!

The ladies who decorated the church want you to know that there are two places that would make nice picture-taking opportunities for family or individual pictures. One is in the South entryway by the white fence and the other is with the rocking chair in the Fellowship Hall. Put on your happy faces and snap a picture or two. That photo may make it on a Christmas card or just become a nice memory book addition. Smile everyone!

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.

Upcoming Speakers:

December 14 – Joel De Boer

December 21 – Tom Niehof

December 25 – Randy Aalderks

The General Fund collection for November 23 was \$1,348.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Building Improvement totaled \$406.00.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 119:

Q: What is this prayer?

A: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

December 7, 2025 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading

Song: TCH 250 **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (v. 1,2,4)
TCH 265 **The First Noel** (v. 1,2,6)

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Faith Promise

*Hymn: TCH 278 **Angels We Have Heard on High**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Zechariah 2:10-11** (pg. 1474)
Colossians 1:19-23 (pg. 1832)

Message: **THE STILLNESS OF PEACE**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 251 **It Came upon the Midnight Clear**
(v. 1,2,4)

*God's Blessing

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

*Postlude