

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

*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 – Mike Stirling Family  
South Door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach

**Next Sunday:** North Door – JoLynne & Lauren Husz

South Door – Arnie & Kay Swanson

**USHERS.** Today – Gerald Haan

**Next Sunday** – Ken Meester

**VALET PARKING.** Today – John Oltman

**Next Sunday** – Ken Mehmen

**COFFEE SERVERS.** This week – Ryan & Stacy Edeker

Next week – Dennis & Lois Mennen

*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. – Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School 6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship Service
Wednesday	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School 6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship Service

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Kenny & Janet Johnson, who will be observing their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 10.

**The membership** of Mike and Stacy Ascher and family has been received from the Bethany Reformed Church of Des Moines. We welcome them into the fellowship of believers here at Parkersburg.

**At their request**, the membership of John and Jodi DeBerg has been sent to the Sully CRC. We pray God will continue to bless them at their new church home.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**The second offering** next Sunday will be for Faith Promise.

**Today, as we** light the second candle on the Advent wreath, we will celebrate the journey of Mary and Joseph and our journey of faith as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth. Our Advent series, "In Those Days", is written by Carol Geisler.

**The Congregation** will meet after this morning's worship for the purpose of deciding on the budget for next year.

**Care Group 4** will be having their luncheon today.

**Bingo on Friday, December 13th:** It is our turn to help with Bingo on Friday. Bring a purchased treat or a Christmas ornament for prizes. Meet at the church at 1:45 to share rides.

**The gift bags** in the Fellowship Hall are to gather cards for the holidays that will be distributed before Christmas. Please place your cards in the bags no later than December 22 morning worship.

**The General Fund Collection** for November 24 was \$4,205.45. The target amount for each week is \$2,411.00. The November 24 offering for Student Connection totaled \$157.00.

**There is now** another way to give offering! You can now give your offering electronically on the church website. It can be set up on a one-time, weekly or monthly basis, using your credit card or from your bank account. You can give to special or faith promise offerings as well. There is also an option to add extra to the offering to cover the transaction fees that are involved. Giving is confidential, no one else on the website will see what you are giving or who is giving. To get started, go to: <http://www.parkersburg-crc.org/give>

## **Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

Morning Service

December 8, 2019 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

**\*Call to Worship: Responsive Reading Psalm 107:1, 4-7**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**C For his steadfast love endures forever!**

**P** Some wandered in desert wastes,

**C Finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

**P** Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**C Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,**

**P** And he delivered them from their distress.

**C He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.**

\*Song: TCH 256 **Love Has Come!**

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

**Reader:** Caesar August decreed that his subjects were to return to their ancestral hometowns to register: “And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,

**Cong.:** **“Because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.”**

**Reader:** We light the second candle on our Advent wreath as we remember the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, where the Savior would be born.

**Cong.:** **Lord and Savior, light our journey of faith until we rejoice forever in your presence!**

\*Song: TCH 265 (v.1,2,6) **The First Noel**

**Confession and Absolution Responsive Reading**

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

**C Almighty God, in our journey of faith we often wander away from your Word and your will. We choose our own paths to follow and satisfy our own desires. We sin against you each day in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus walked the path to the cross, never turning from his purpose, never turning from his Father's will. He suffered, died and rose from the dead to give us forgiveness and eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C Heavenly Father, lead us in the paths of righteousness, following in the footsteps of Jesus our Savior.**

Children's Message – Angie

Song: TCH 262 **Away In a Manger**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:8-10 (pg. 1112)

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Mark 11:1-10** (pg. 1572)

Message: **THROUGH BETHLEHEM**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Song: TCH 286 (v.1,2) **Once in Royal David's City**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

\*Song: TCH 272 **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

\*Postlude

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**MESSAGE NOTES**

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

December 8, 2019

Evening Service – 6:00 PM

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 13:5-6

Songs of Praise: TCH 530 **I Will Call upon the Lord**

\*God's Greeting

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 18:1-18

Hymn: TCH 638 **I Need Thee Every Hour**

Time of Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

\*Hymn: TCH 644 **The Greatest Thing**

Scripture: **Jonah 2** (pg. 1437)

Message: **EFFECTUAL PRAYER**

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn: TCH 630 **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 633 **Open Our Eyes, Lord**

\*Postlude