

Sunday, December 9, 2018

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, Jodi DeBerg, & Angie Meester

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Mike Stirling Family
South Door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach

Next Sunday: North Door – Dennis & Lois Mennen

South Door – Kevin & Shelly Meester

USHERS. Today – Rollyn DeGroot

Next Sunday – Gerald Haan

VALET PARKING. Today – Dale Meester

Next Sunday – Rollyn DeGroot

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Steve & Charlene Kramer

Next week – Don & Annie Allspach

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Kay & Amy

Next week – Deb & JoLynne

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. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. – Sunday School/Life Plus Christmas Program
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	6:00 p.m. – Home for Christmas

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Ken & Jan Johnson, who will be observing their 55th anniversary on December 10.

Thank you for remembering me with your prayers and cards since LeRoy's passing. I greatly appreciated them. **Mary Vanden Hoek**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

Our evening worship is canceled for tonight so that we can celebrate the season events. This afternoon we encourage you to attend the Christmas Fantastic piano concert at the Methodist Church.

Immediately after this morning service we will hold our Congregational Meeting for the purpose of establishing the budget for 2019. Our guests are encouraged to have a cup of coffee or punch as we will be joining you shortly.

The Sunday School/Life Plus Christmas program will be held this Wednesday night, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. Come out and see the Super Christmas the children have been working on for you! Kids should meet in the church basement at 6:10 p.m.

BINGO Friday, December 14: It is our turn to help the residents play bingo this Friday. Meet at the church at 1:45 to share rides. Let's help them celebrate Christmas.

Next Sunday evening, December 16, we will have our annual Home for Christmas program, with a Very Victorian theme. Choir members from Union High School will be singing in a Dickens/English style, with some of our local talent mixed in, as well. Following the program will be a light supper for which donations of pies would be appreciated! We hope to see you all here for a Very Victorian Home for Christmas!

Home for Christmas walk-through will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16.

Today we continue our Advent series based on the Bible study by John Birch, entitled, "What a Gift!" Last Sunday's message focused on the gift of gold, today we will look at frankincense, and next week, the gift of myrrh. We will follow that with the journey of the wisemen, and on Christmas Day, discover the most precious gift of all, Emmanuel!

Thank you to all our Advent readers and candlelighters! We appreciate your contribution to our service!

The General Fund Collection for December 2 was \$2,848.91. The target amount for each week is \$2,411.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec 12 – 6:30 pm – Sunday School / Life Plus Christmas Program

Dec 16 – 6:00 pm – A Very Victorian Home for Christmas

Dec 24 – 7:00 pm – Candlelight Service

Dec 25 – 9:30 am – Christmas Day Service

Dec 26 & Jan 2 – No Life Plus

Jan 9 – 6:15 pm – Life Plus Resumes

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

December 9, 2018 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather in preparation

All: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation

All: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

Leader: We gather in celebration

All: for we are those people who have said

Yes to the manger,

Yes to love enfleshed,

Yes to the one incarnate for others,

Yes to the wholeness of God.

Leader: With preparations and in expectations, let us
celebrate.

*Song: PH 245 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading: Frankincense – Jesus as High Priest

*Hymn: TCH 288 (v. 1,3) **We Three Kings**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Leviticus 9:6-7** (pg. 166)

Hebrews 4:14-5:10 (pg. 1866)

Message: **GOD'S CHOSEN MEDIATOR**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 292 (v. 1,2,4) **Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 277 (v. 3) **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

*Postlude