

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

*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

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

10:30 a.m. – Sunday School

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Mel Riebkes, who will be observing his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on January 2.

**Thank you for** the Christmas cards and fruit basket. It is good to have fellow Christians that show their love in many ways. **Carol Watters**

**We want to** thank everyone for their prayers and cards after my surgery. I am getting better every day. **Marlyn and Marcia**

**Pastor Rus and Mary** thank the congregation for the cards, gifts and kind thoughts during Christmas.

**Please remember** those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card in these trying days.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**There will be no second offering** next Sunday.

**Council will meet** on Tuesday, January 3, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Calvary Baptist Church** would like to welcome one and all to join us, along with the NAB Regional Minister, for the installation of Pastor Nicholas Galtman, on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:15am. Refreshments and fellowship after service.

**SPEC'N DICKEN / PANCAKE FUNDRAISER MEAL:**

Please join Timothy Christian School for an authentic German spec'n dicken pancake meal served with applesauce and drink at the Parkersburg Veterans Building (101 Colfax Street) on Monday, January 9, 2023. Serving from 4:30-7 PM. Regular pancakes are also served. Sugar-free syrup available. Carry-outs available. Free will donation. We hope to see you there!

**The General Fund Collection** for December 25 was \$1,967.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

January 1, 2023 – 9:30 AM

**WE GATHER IN WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship and God's Greeting

\*Responsive Reaffirmation of Faith: TCH 686 **O God, Our Help  
in Ages Past**

Reading of Psalm 90:1,2

Sing TCH 686: 1,2

Reading of Psalm 90:3-6

Sing TCH 686: 3,4

Reading of Psalm 90:13-17

Sing TCH 686: 5,6

\*Mutual Greeting

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Call to Confession

Our Spoken Prayer of Confession:

**ALL: Merciful God and Father in heaven, you are faithful and just; you are willing to forgive our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness. Before you and our sisters and brothers, we confess that we have spoken many empty words and have at times broken even our most sacred vows. Our sins are an affront to you; they are a disgrace before the watching world, and they have caused us unspeakable pain. Through our Lord Jesus may we begin this new year with the joy of knowing we belong to you, with the freedom of being purified by your blood, and with the healing which your grace alone can bring. In the name of our blessed Savior we pray...**

Our Sung Prayer of Confession: TCH 657 (1) **Cleanse Me**

Assurance of God's Pardon

Song of Dedication: TCH 657 (2 & 4) **Cleanse Me**

**GOD REAFFIRMS HIS PROMISES**

*Pardon from Sin -*

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:1,2

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

Response: TCH 705 **It Is Well with My Soul**

*Eternal Life -*

Scripture Reading: John 6:45-51

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

Response:

Leader: How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

**People: Not only my soul**

**will be taken immediately after this life**

**to Christ its head,**

**but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ,**

**will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.**

Leader: How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?

**People: Even as I already now experience in my heart**

**the beginning of eternal joy,**

**so after this life I will have**

**perfect blessedness such as  
no eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no man has ever imagined:  
a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.**

*Prayer that is Heard -*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:7-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

The Pastoral Prayer

*Help in Temptations -*

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

Response: TCH 612 **In This Very Room**

*Protection in All Things -*

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:37-39

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

The Intercessory Prayer

*Contentment -*

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:10-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

Response:

**People: My only comfort in life and in death  
is that I am not my own, but belong –  
body and soul, in life and in death –  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him**

**Christ, by his Holy Spirit,**

**assures me of eternal life**

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

## **WE GO OUT IN FAITH**

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

\*Song of Faith: TCH 727 **Faith Is the Victory**

Our Commitment to Holy Living

\*Benediction

\*Song of Parting: TCH 811 **Another Year is Dawning**

\*Postlude