

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

*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
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service
	10:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Larry and Mary Johnson, who will be observing their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on January 13.

**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 the Benevolent Fund.

**We welcome** Travis Konig to our pulpit this morning.

**We will have** a congregational meeting next Sunday after the 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 on Monday, January

12, 2026. 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!

**A-P Color Guard Spring Swing/Soup Supper**

Come join us for our second annual Color Guard Showcase on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm, at the High School! Admission is \$5 (children 2 and under are free and activity passes are not accepted). There will also be a free will donation soup supper before the show from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. They will be serving chili, cheddar broccoli soup, gluten free hamburger soup and macaroni cheese along with rolls, desserts and drinks. Hope to see you there!

**Upcoming Speakers:**

January 18 – Randy Raak  
January 25 – Brent Janssen  
February 1 – Dale Akkerman

**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.

**Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 124:**

**Q: What does the third request mean?**

A: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven means, help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

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



**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

January 11, 2026 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Song: TCH 224 **We Have Come into His House**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Preparatory Form for the Lord's Supper

Song: TCH 309 **I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

\*Hymn: TCH 719 **Children of the Heavenly Father**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Matthew 18:1-5** (pg. 1526)

Message: **WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 143 **This Is My Father's World**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 235 **Take the Name of Jesus with You** (verse 1)

\*Postlude

## Council Notes of January 4, 2025

The council meeting of January 4th, 2025 was opened by the reading of Ephesians 1: 15-20. Prayer was given by Ken Mehmen.

Article 1: Minutes of the December 8th, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: No Correspondence was received.

Article 3: Ministry Reports and Concerns

- Elders Report: Discussion was held on potential pastoral visits in January.
- Pulpit Committee:
  - January 11<sup>th</sup> – Travis Konig
  - January 18<sup>th</sup> – Randy Raak
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> – Brent Janssen
  - February 8<sup>th</sup> - DJ Steen
  - February 15<sup>th</sup> – Phil Boender
  - February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Klay Hoppenworth
- Worship Committee: No Report
- Attendance Report: There was an Average Attendance of 43.5 people with 17.8 people live streaming.
- Outreach Committee: No Report
- Discipleship Committee: Catechism and Sunday School classes will resume January 11th.
- Building and Grounds Committee: No Report

Article 4: Financial Reports and Concerns

- Receipts of \$14,404.42 was received. Budget amount of \$9,185.20 is needed. Giving us \$5,219.22 for the month. With a YTD of -\$2,132.49 from Budget.
- Actual Year End 2025 Expenses were less than budgeted; including an estimated pastor expense, the actual YTD balance is a surplus of \$1,061.01. If interest income from church bank accounts is included and including an estimated pastor expense YTD balance is a surplus of \$12,348.08.

## Article 6: Old Business

- Phone service will switch to Verizon on 1/10/26. Church phone number will remain the same.
- The Search Committee invited potential candidate Pastor Kevin Van Wyk to an in-person interview on January 3rd. Pastor Van Wyk was also asked to provide pulpit supply on January 4th.
- A sample outreach card intended to share information about our church was presented to the council for review. Revision suggestions were offered. The card will be revised and resubmitted.

## Article 7: New Business

- Stacy Ascher joined the council meeting to share feedback from the search committee on potential candidate Pastor Kevin Van Wyk, followed by council discussion.
- Discussion was held regarding the future schedule for special offerings.

Article 8: Mutual Censure was held.

Article 9: Motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting.

Article 10: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 11: Closing Prayer was given by Pat Prier.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice President: Ken Mehmen

Clerk: Mike Ascher

Members Present:

Mike Ascher  
Ken Mehmen  
Brad Allspach  
Amy Swanson Haan  
Pat Prier

Members Absent:

Rollyn DeGroot

Guest Present:

Stacy Ascher

Next Meeting is set for Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, following church service.