

Sunday, January 5, 2020

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 – Delbert & Sharon Cordes
South Door – Pastor Rus & Mary Boersma

Next Sunday: North Door – Mark & Lanae Kramer

South Door – Ryan & Stacy Edeker

USHERS. Today – Gerald Haan

Next Sunday – Ken Meester

VALET PARKING. Today – Rollyn DeGroot

Next Sunday – Pat Prier

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Kevin & Shelly Meester

Next week – Mike & Stacy Ascher

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
Monday	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pastor Rus and Mary thank the congregation for the cards, prayers and gifts over the Christmas season. It is always nice to be thought of so warmly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

We will not be having the evening service for the months of January, February and March.

Council will meet tomorrow, Monday January, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Life Plus will resume classes on Wednesday, January 8.

In need of ushers: The Usher list is slim! Please let Deb know if you are willing to take a turn on Sunday mornings as an Usher. Anyone can do this! Greet those coming in, hand out bulletins, and maybe direct them to a seat. Ok, so we know there are plenty of seats available (SAD). But there are still some that like the personal touch of ushering in. Men, Ladies, High school, and youth can be of service!

SPEC'N DICKEN / PANCAKE FUNDRAISER MEAL:

Please join Timothy Christian School for an authentic German pancake meal served with applesauce and drink at the Parkersburg Veterans Building (101 Colfax Street) on Monday, January 13, 2020. Serving from 4:30-7 pm. Regular pancakes are also served. Sugar-free syrup available. Free will donation. We hope to see you there!

The General Fund Collection for December 29 was \$3,661.50. The target amount for each week is \$2,411.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

January 5, 2020 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 794 (v. 1 & 2) **Let All Things Now Living**

Message of Thanksgiving – Psalm 103:1-5 – Marcia

CONGREGATION: We begin by “forgetting not” – by remembering the benefits of knowing the Lord. We do this by looking back over the previous year and remembering God’s faithfulness through times of joy and times of sorrow and in all the ordinary events of our lives.

Song: TCH 686 (v. 1, 4-6) **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Message of Promise – Psalm 27:1-3 – Marcia

CONGREGATION: We rejoice that the promise of those benefits is secure. We exult in the fact that our enemies, whatever form they may take, will stumble and fall because the Lord is our Light and our salvation.

Song: TCH 431 (v. 1 & 2) **Shine, Jesus, Shine**

Call to Lament for Our Sinfulness - Psalm 51:1-4 – Marcia

CONGREGATION: In spite of the benefits, and regardless of the safety of walking with the Savior, we walk away from our Light and our salvation, and we pay the consequences. We admit our failures during the previous year; and we ask God to cause us to sin less in the coming year, for shorter periods of time, and to enjoy our sin less.

Song: PH 94 (v. 1-4) **God, Be Merciful to Me**

Call to Lament for the Suffering Caused by Others – Psalm 73:1-5 – Marcia

CONGREGATION: Rather than becoming cynical about living in a dog-eat-dog world, rather than playing by those rules, which tell us to bend the rules, we complain to God. We point out to God the suffering and pain caused by others. And when we do, we see God bring justice and goodness, and we give thanks.

Song: TCH 630 (v. 1-3) **What a Friend We Have In Jesus**

Prayer of Confession

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Message of Commitment – Psalm 119:9-16 – Deb

CONGREGATION: Having remembered the benefits of knowing the Lord, having received God’s promise, experienced God’s forgiveness, and cheered God’s justice, we now commit ourselves once again to God as we enter the new year. We commit to meditating on God’s law, to letting God’s Word direct our paths, and to seeking God’s wisdom in our lives.

Song: TCH 184 (v. 1 & 2) **Thy Word**

Message of Continuing Promise: Psalm 46:1-3 – Deb

CONGREGATION: We recognize that our path may not always be smooth. We acknowledge that there will be times when our world is shaken, when life roars, when there is no peace. Even then, we rejoice because God is our refuge, our ever-present help in trouble.

Song: TCH 581 (v. 1 & 4) **‘Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus**

Message of Praise: Psalm 111:1-4 – Deb

CONGREGATION: Having seen the benefits of knowing God, having received God’s forgiveness, having been assured of God’s justice, and having recommitted our lives to God, we

express our wonder and awe in wholehearted praise.
Regardless of the perceptions of those around us, we praise
the Lord.

Song: TCH 139 (v. 1 & 2) **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Scripture: **Psalm 128** (pg. 968)

Message: **YEAR OF BLESSING**

Song: TCH 139 (v. 3) **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*God's Blessing and Benediction

*Closing Song: TCH 731 (v. 1) **Onward Christian Soldiers**

*Postlude