

Sunday, July 13, 2025

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Clarence Karsjens, who observed his 84th birthday on July 8.

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 Dale Akkerman to our pulpit this morning.

The Benevolent offering will be picked up by the elders next Sunday after communion.

The Council has approved joining with other community churches for worship service on Sunday, August 3. This will be held at the Aplington-Parkersburg High School auditorium. Therefore, there will be no service in our church that day. We hope that you will join us and what a great way to worship with fellow believers!

Thank you to Stacy Ascher and Kayla Groeneveld for directing the Wonder Junction VBS this week and all the work involved with this worship! Thank you to everyone who helped with the opening exercises, the snacks, the devotions, the games, etc. All together, what a wonderful way to show our love for Jesus to all of the kids that were in attendance. Thank you again very much.

As we have just ended the first six months of our calendar year, our budget is showing a \$10,000 shortfall. As you know, the budget we passed last December is for having a fulltime pastor. We will need to make budget as we go forward in searching for a new pastor. Council asks that we all prayerfully consider this matter as we move forward.

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

Upcoming Speakers:

July 13 – Dale Akkerman

July 20 – Pastor Rus Boersma

July 27 – Jack Ritsema

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 49:

Q: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A: First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven – a guarantee that Christ our head with take us, his members, to himself in heaven.

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

The General Fund collection for July 6 was \$2,523.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$120.00.

The Search Committee has spent the past couple of months prayerfully meeting with and vetting three agencies to assist in the process of finding a new pastor for Parkersburg CRC. After careful consideration, the committee has chosen to partner with The Rukes Group, and a contract has been signed.

We are pleased to announce that the executive search consultant from The Rukes Group will be visiting the weekend of **August 16 & 17**. During this visit, the consultant will meet with the Council, the Search Committee, and the congregation to begin developing a comprehensive profile of Parkersburg CRC.

As part of this important process, the Search Committee strongly encourages all members to attend worship on Sunday, August 17, as your presence and participation will help shape the profile that guides our search.

Please continue to keep the search process in your prayers as we seek God's leading together.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

July 13, 2025 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3

*Song: TCH 154 **We Bow Down**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Preparatory Form

Song: TCH 139 **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

God's Will for Our Lives: Exodus 20:1-17 – The 10 Commandments

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

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 562 **Be Thou My Vision**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 4:10** (pg. 1500)

Message: **WHAT IS WORSHIP?**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 153 **Worthy of Worship**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 166 **Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow**

*Postlude