

**Sunday, July 20, 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 Frank Pott, who will be observing his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 20.

**Congratulations** to Marcia Allspach, who will be observing her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on July 20.

**Congratulations** to Marge Aswegen, who will be observing her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 21.

**Congratulations** to Dennis and Sharon Schipper, who will be observing their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 23.

**Please pray** for Frank and Pat Pott in the passing of Pat's brother on July 15 after an extensive illness. Services are pending in Montana. May they feel God's loving arms around them at this time.

**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.

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

**We welcome** Pastor Rus Boersma to our pulpit this morning.

**The Benevolent offering** will be picked up by the elders this morning 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!

**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 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 13 was \$4,558.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10.

**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: John 4:23-24

\*Song: TCH 387 **Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome**  
TCH 384 **Spirit Song**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 391 **Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

God's Will for Our Lives: **Deuteronomy 5:6-21** (pg. 282)  
**Mark 12:28-31** (pg. 1575)

\*Hymn: TCH 390 **Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

\*Hymn: TCH 382 **Come, Holy Spirit**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **I Corinthians 2:6-16** (pg. 1773)

Message: **SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

Communion

\*Benevolent Offering & Hymn: TCH 389 **Spirit of the  
Living God**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 191 **Father, I Adore You**

\*Postlude