

Sunday, July 27, 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
Mon. Aug. 4	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wed. Aug. 6	1:00 p.m. – Sunshine Circle

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Joy Knepe, who will be observing her 87th birthday on July 28.

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 Jack Ritsema to our pulpit this morning.

Community Worship: Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 AM our church will join with other local congregations for a special Community Worship service at the Parkersburg High School Auditorium. (Please note: We will not hold our regular service that morning.) Worship will be led by Adam Dohrn and the message will be shared by Brian Koelsch (former pastor of First Congregational Church). Following the service, enjoy a time of fellowship with

refreshments. We hope you'll join us as we come together with our neighbors to celebrate and worship as one body in Christ.

Council will meet next **Monday, August 4**, at 7:00 PM.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Sunshine Circle will have their regular monthly meeting on **August 6, 2025** at 1pm in our Fellowship Hall. Please review pages 34 to 37 in our Be Blessed booklets. We will cover the last three beatitudes. Kathy Heeren will serve lunch for us.

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 27 – Jack Ritsema

August 3 – Community Service at High School Auditorium

August 10 – Dave Harms

August 17 – Representative for Rukes Group

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 50:

Q: Why the next words: “and is seated at the right hand of God”?

A: Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that he is head of his church, and that the Father rules all things through him.

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

The General Fund collection for July 20 was \$1,503.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for the Benevolent Fund totaled \$294.00.

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 27, 2025 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 670 **Make Me a Blessing**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 210 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 336 **There Is a Fountain**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 6:9-15** (pg. 1504)
Matthew 18:21-35 (pg. 1527)

Message: **FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 343 **Amazing Grace**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 436 **Freely, Freely**

*Postlude