

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

*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:** Jodi DeBerg

**GREETERS.** Today – North Door – Ken & Jan Johnson

South Door – Rollyn & Kathy DeGroot

**Next Sunday:** North Door – Mike Ascher Family

South Door – Arnie & Kay Swanson

**USHERS.** Today – Luke Edeker

**Next Sunday** – Rollyn DeGroot

**VALET PARKING.** Today – Pat Prier

**Next Sunday** – Dale Meester

**COFFEE SERVERS.** This week – Pat & Deb Prier

Next week – Paul & Darlene Bruns

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** This week – *No Sunday School*

Next week – Stacy & Kamie

*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. – Worship Service

10:45 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service

10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Don & Annie Allspach, who will be observing their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary on March 21.

**Sympathy is expressed** to Pastor Frank and Betty Pott in the death of their sister-in-law Mrs. Darlene Wichers, age 87 who passed away in the Orange City Hospital on Thursday morning. As of this writing funeral arrangements are still pending.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**In this service** for Week 2 of Lent, we remember that Lent is a season of prayer and fasting. We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with him, and we learn more about him and ourselves by giving up those things that can distract us from our connection to him.

**Adult Sunday School** will begin this morning after the service. Everyone is welcome to join our "interesting" group for consideration of how God expects us to live as His disciples. There are NO entrance requirements; NO tests and NO prior knowledge of Scripture required. NOW is a great time to come to Adult Sunday School! We meet for about 30 minutes after church on Sunday morning (11:00 - 11:30) Come Join Us!

**There will be** no Life Plus this week.

**Notice to the ladies** of the church: The Sunshine Circle will have their first meeting of 2019 on April 3. Please consider joining us for Bible study, fellowship, prayer and projects to help fund our missionaries.

**The General Fund Collection** for March 10 was \$1,421.25. The target amount for each week is \$2,411.00.

**Hope Reformed Church** will have their Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 23rd at 7:30 am. Join us for a time of faith, food, and fellowship. Brad Meester will be speaking and there will be a breakfast that includes eggs, bacon/sausage, waffles, coffee, and milk for a free will donation! Please call to reserve your spot today! 319-346-1575.

**Everyone is invited** to enjoy Timothy Christian School's Annual Swiss Steak Supper on Tuesday, March 19. This family-style meal of swiss steak, freshly mashed potatoes, homegrown corn, rolls, jello, and homemade pie will be served from 4:30-7:30 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church at 12420 185th Street (2.5 miles west of Wellsburg). **NEW THIS YEAR:** For those who are only getting take-outs, those will be served at the United Reformed Church of Wellsburg at 608 S Adams Street (south of the Brick Bungalow) with phone number 641-869-3633. Free will donation.

**Bethany Christian Services'** 5th Annual "Always Serving Kids" Dinner & Dessert Gala will be held at A Touch of Class Banquet Hall (5977 Mt Vernon Rd SE, Cedar Rapids) on Friday, April 5. All are invited to this exciting fundraising event, which will include a delicious meal, a powerful program of the work God is doing through our ministry, and a fun live dessert auction to benefit our mission to be radical advocates for children! Please call the Bethany office at 319.832.2331 or visit <https://www.bethany.org/cedar-rapids/Events> for more information or to RSVP.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**  
Morning Service – March 17, 2019

Scripture: **Matthew 6:5-18**

Message: **PRAYER AND FASTING**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

Morning Service

March 17, 2019 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 311 **Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Responsive Reading**

**Leader:**

*Make me see your great distress, anguish and affliction,  
Bonds and strips and wretchedness and your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did  
wound you,  
How for them you died, O God, who with thorns had  
crowned you.*

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**Leader:** *God the Father has his ear turned toward you.*

**People:** **Lord, teach us to pray.**

**Leader:** *God the Son pleads for you before the kingdom throne.*

**People:** **Lord, teach us to pray.**

**Leader:** *God the Holy Spirit gives you the words when you  
don't know what to say.*

**People:** **Lord, teach us to pray.**

**Leader:** *God is always attentive, always listening, always  
ready, willing and able to help in time of need. He loves to be  
your guide and your shield.*

**People:** **Lord, teach us to pray.**

**Leader:** *When you pray, go into your room and shut the door  
and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who  
sees in secret will reward you.*

**People:** **Lord, teach us to pray.**

**Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from you, peace mid pain and losses,  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heaven above sing your praise forever.**

**Leader:** *Our Lord teaches us to pray and even gives us the  
words to say. And yet our prayers are often shallow, showy or  
non-existent.*

**People:** **Most merciful God, forgive us for the many times we  
fail to pray. Though you have given us the words to say, we  
neglect to use them. When we do pray, we often do so for  
show, for selfish reasons or with a complete lack of trust. Our  
faulty prayer life is a reflection of weak faith and sinful lives.  
We are harried and worried because we fail to take our  
concerns to you in prayer. Forgive us, renew us and restore  
us so that as your dear children we pray well, pray often and  
pray without ceasing.**

**Leader:** *Our God in his mercy sent his Son, Jesus Christ, who  
prayed perfectly for you. In his darkest hour he even prayed for  
you from the cross. Because of his perfect love and mercy  
demonstrated by his death and resurrection, your sins are  
forgiven and your life is renewed. As a result, I declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

Children's Message

Song: TCH 630 **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**Leader:**

*On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of  
grace,  
That life's riches, cares and pleasure never may your  
work erase;*

*Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation and my glory and salvation.*

Old Testament Reading: **I Samuel 2:1-10**

New Testament Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:12-24**

Song: TCH 326 **Blessed Redeemer**

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Matthew 6:5-18**

Message: **PRAYER AND FASTING**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for 1) General Fund  
2) Home Missions

### **Prayer of Dedication/Responsive Reading**

**Leader:** *O Lord, you have given us the gift of prayer and have taught us to pray. Daily remind us that you are our Father and we are your dear children. Make our lives a reflection of your great name.*

**People:** ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.***

**Leader:** *O Lord, you have built your kingdom on the witness, testimony and prayers of your people throughout the ages. Bring your kingdom to us and through us, that your will would be done right here and right now just like it always is in heaven.*

**People:** ***Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

**Leader:** *O Lord, you provide for all our needs of body, soul and spirit. You never leave us or forsake us. Give us good government and earthly peace so that your gospel would be proclaimed around the world. Please bring the daily bread of your healing to all in our lives who need it.*

**People:** ***Give us this day our daily bread.***

**Leader:** *O Lord, we are imperfect sinners in need of a perfect Savior. You have provided for us all that we need for life and salvation. Make our lives an offering to you.*

**People:** ***And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.***

**Leader:** *O Lord, you overcame every temptation and lived a perfect life. In our baptism you robed us in your righteousness. Free us from our sin and deliver us in the hour of every trial.*

**People:** ***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

**Leader:** *Into your hands, Lord Jesus, we place all of our needs, knowing that you are ever praying and pleading for us before the heavenly throne.*

**People:** ***Amen.***

### **RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: **Come, My Soul, with Every Care** (tune of TCH 625)

1. Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not turn away.
2. With my burden I begin; Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt.
3. Show me what is mine to do; ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith; let me die thy people's death.

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 340 **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

\*Postlude

