

Sunday, March 23, 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

10:45 a.m. – “Fling into Spring” Meal

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for Rod Mulder.

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 DJ Steen to our pulpit this morning.

The church is in need of someone to mow the lawn this coming year. If you are interested, please contact any council member.

Today is the day for the "Fling into Spring" meal in the Fellowship Hall. Stay for good food, great conversations and laughter. Let's celebrate the change of seasons and welcome the robins back! Does anyone have tulips coming up yet? Who thinks all the frost is out of the ground? Has anyone received a seed magazine? Anyone decided on what kind of potatoes to plant in just a couple of weeks? Come join us.

Sunshine Circle will start meeting again on Wednesday, April 2.

Would you like to know more about Timothy Christian School and what it has to offer? Would you like to know about our Kindergarten Round-Up? Timothy Christian School is planning 2 Information Experience times on Saturday, March 22 at 10 AM and Monday, March 24 at 7 PM. Kindergarten Round-Up will be Tuesday, April 1 from 8:20 AM-12:15 PM. Please call or text Dale Akkerman, Development Director, at 319-243-9890 to register for these activities.

A-P Color Guard Spring Swing/Soup Supper: Come join us for our first annual Color Guard Showcase on Saturday, March 29th, 7:00pm, at the High School! Admission is \$5 (children 2 and under are free and activity passes are not accepted). There will also be a free will donation soup supper before the show from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Speakers:

March 23 – DJ Steen

March 30 – Klay Hoppenworth

April 6 – Pastor Rus Boersma

April 13 – Tom Niehof

April 20 – Tom Niehof

The General Fund collection for March 9 was \$638.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 34:

Q: Why do you call him “our Lord”?

A: Because not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood, he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

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

The Worship Committee has chosen a Lenten Devotional series based on Psalm 23. The main author is David Koll along with contributions from other writers. Psalm 23 is one of the most well-known chapters of the Bible. Many of us can recite it by heart, and children recognize it. The Psalm presents a beautiful picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We encourage each one of you to become familiar with this Psalm again. Read it. Pray it. Reflect on it. Listen to what God is saying to you through the words. Find other versions of Psalm 23 to help you gain a new understanding of the beautiful truths found in it. Every Sunday we will hear litanies entitled "Strolling with the Shepherd". It's our hope that all of us will be blessed as we learn, feel and see what it means to have a personal connection with the Good Shepherd that knows each of us by name and knows our wants and needs, our worries and cares, our joys and sorrows, our wishes and hopes!

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

March 23, 2025 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Hymn: TCH 157 **The Love of God**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Lenten Reading

Song: TCH 567 **Nearer, Still Nearer**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Faith Promise

*Hymn: TCH 316 **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Mark 10:35-45** (pg. 1571)

Message: **THE CROSS SETS US FREE**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND
SERVICE**

*Hymn: TCH 327 **The Old Rugged Cross**

*God's Blessing

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

*Postlude

