

**Sunday, March 5, 2017**

*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

**GREETERS.** Today – North Door – Larry & Mary Johnson

South Door – Dave & Betty Mulder

**Next Sunday:** North Door – Dennis & Sharon Schipper

South Door – John & Karen Oltman

**USHERS.** Today, a.m. – Delbert Cordes

**Next Sunday** – Ken Mehmen

**VALET PARKING.** Today – Kevin Meester

**Next Sunday** – Mike Stirling

**COFFEE SERVERS.** This week – Kamie & Cory Shepard

Next week – John & Karen Oltman

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** This week – Ryan & Stacy – *Jesus at 12*; Jodi – *God's Power Saves Us By His Grace*

Next week – No Sunday School

*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. – Sunday School
Monday	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. – Knitting and Crochet Group
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time at Jean Trey's house
	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**Council will meet** on Monday, March 6, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Hook and Needles** Knitting and Crochet Group will meet on Tuesday, March 7, at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Hook and Needles** Knitting and Crochet Group has placed a display of some of the work they have done in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a few minutes to see how this group is bringing Christ's love to others.

**The Sunshine Circle** is taking orders for daffodils. They will arrive Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and we will deliver them to you. The price is \$10.00 for 10 buds. Sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. Proceeds will go to missions.

## **RUN TO THE EMPTY TOMB 5K RUN/WALK.....**

Have you registered? You won't want to miss this fun run/walk. You will visit the empty tomb and be treated to a buffet breakfast and drawing for a lot of prizes! If you know of someone that is interested, give them a form, which are located in the fellowship hall or are available at [parkersburg-crc.org](http://parkersburg-crc.org). Please register before March 15. Registrations received after that date will be \$25 and may not be assured a t-shirt. Again this is a fun run/walk, anyone can participate! Begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15. Hope to see many of you!! We will also need volunteers to help with making the route, spotters (or people to cheer on the participants), servers in the kitchen, registration, timers, and helping set up the tomb. A sign up sheet will be placed in the fellowship hall within the next couple of weeks. Thanks everyone for your help with this.

**The General Fund Collection** for February 26 was \$2,000.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

**The AP Food Pantry** is in need of non-food items, such as all paper products, laundry and dish soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, and diapers and wipes. Please consider donating.

**First Congregational Church** would like to invite you to their annual Missions Conference weekend March 25-26, 2017. Our missionary guests will be Mark Boland with My Kinsmen Ministries & Boland Recreation and Burt & Trish Koppendrayner with SIM. Join us for a Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday, March 25 at 12:00 noon. A family meal will take place at 6:00 p.m. along with the Missions Fair and an evening service at 6:45 p.m. On Sunday, March 26 the Missions Fair will be open during the Sunday school hour at 9:00 AM. We will have a worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a pizza lunch and continued Missions Fair. If any area ministries are interested in participating in the Missions Fair, please contact Dina Hanken at 319-464-2098. All events are free and open to the public.

**Bethel Reformed Church** of Aplington will be hosting an OUTDOORSMEN'S BANQUET on Saturday, April 8. There will be a time of fellowship beginning at 6 p.m., a pork loin dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., and a program featuring guest speaker Matt Thede of Outreach Outdoors. Tickets for this event can be purchased by contacting the church at [319-347-6219](tel:319-347-6219). All proceeds from the event will benefit Bethel's Camp 4 Kids and RCYF.

**The Parkersburg Community** will be presenting the 'LIVING LAST SUPPER' in early April. The origin of the script is from Elm Avenue Methodist Church, Portsmouth Virginia, by Ernest K. Emurian in 1954. It is based on the picture by Leonardo da Vinci. We are currently planning on 3 performances to be done at the United Methodist Church in Parkersburg on the following dates:  
(Subject to changes)

Palm Sunday 3:00 PM

Palm Sunday 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM

We are looking for 13 performers, plus a Narrator. Each performer will need to memorize approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of page of script. The narrator will be reading from the script provided. We would like assistance with the following items: Wardrobes, Make-up, Lighting (operating during the performance), Sound system operation, Stage arrangement, and Video taping. A FREE WILL OFFERING will be taken and provided to the Local Food Pantry. We are currently planning on rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 7:30 starting March 23 at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church plus one dress rehearsal on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Please contact either Neal Schrage (319) 830-6711, [schragen66@gmail.com](mailto:schragen66@gmail.com) or Amy Truax (319) 346-9853 [ajtruax@aol.com](mailto:ajtruax@aol.com) if you can help in any way.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

March 5, 2017 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Hebrews 12:2-3**

\*Song: TCH 294 **One Day**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

First Lenten Reading: "Look to the Cross for Forgiveness": Marlyn & Marcia

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

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 44:1-5, 21-22** (pg. 1128)

\*Hymn: TCH 326 **Blessed Redeemer**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) Building Improvement

Hymn: TCH 329 **There Is Power in the Blood**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **I John 1:5-2:2** (pg. 1898)

Message: **I AM! OR AM I?**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 342 **Rock of Ages**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: **We Love You Lord (You Are Amazing)**

\*Postlude