

Sunday, March 9, 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

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.

The second offering next Sunday will be for Home Missions.

We welcome Steve Debner 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.

Our next Fellowship Meal will be March 23. It will be a "Fling into Spring" meal. The meat and potatoes will be provided. So, we are requesting colorful salads, like pea salad and carrot salad (the kind your German Grandma made with raisins in it!) along with desserts. Start thinking about what sounds good and something you would like to share. Angel food cake could be a favorite. How about Deviled eggs? Come one, come all, come for fun and come for good food along with great fellowship!

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!

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 9 – Steve Debner

March 16 – Rev. Rick Vollema

The General Fund collection for February 23 was \$2,328.00. The General Fund collection for March 2 was \$6,533.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$140.00.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 31:

Q: But why are you called a Christian?

A: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation in eternity.

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

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

March 9, 2025 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 23

*Hymn: TCH 104 **O Worship the King**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Lenten Reading – Strolling with the Shepherd

Song: TCH 691 **Surely Goodness and Mercy**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 326 **Blessed Redeemer**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 18:21-22** (pg. 1527)

Message: **WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT FORGIVENESS?**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 318 **I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 327 **The Old Rugged Cross** (v. 1)

*Postlude