Sunday, November 16, 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

1:30 p.m. – Shoebox Packing Party

Monday, Nov. 17-Nov. 24 – National Collection Week 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 Building Improvement.

We welcome Pastor Steve Mulder to our pulpit this morning.

Our Shoebox Packing Party will be this afternoon, November 16, at 1:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

Operation Christmas Child 2025 – As a ministry, Operation Christmas Child wants to do whatever it can to bring the hope of the Gospel through shoebox gifts to children across the globe. This year, more than ever, children around the world need hope,

and Drop-Off Locations, such as our church, are the first step in the journey of a shoebox. **National Collection Week** this year is November 17-24, 2025. Please consider donating some time to help with this worthy cause this year. The schedule sign-up sheet is on a table in the fellowship hall with the same hours as we have had in the past. The red and green shoeboxes are available. Please prayerfully consider being part of this important ministry this year! Please see Angie Meester if you have any questions.

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

Please feel free to contact any Council member with any questions you might have.

Upcoming Speakers:

November 16 – Steve Mulder

November 23 – Rus Boersma

November 30 – Joel De Boer

December 7 – Rus Boersma

December 14 – Joel De Boer

December 21 – Tom Niehof

The General Fund collection for November 9 was \$2,423.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$250.00.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 117:

Q: How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us?

A: First we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed himself in his word, asking for everything he has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in his majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation; even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what he promised us in his word.

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

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

November 16, 2025 – 9:30 AM **WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 145):

Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise

your name for ever and ever.

Congregation: Every day I will praise you and extol your

name for ever and ever.

Minister: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his

greatness no one can fathom.

*Song: TCH 104 **O Worship the King** (v. 1,2,4)

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 161 I Will Sing of the Mercies

God's Will for Our Lives

*Hymn: TCH 691 Surely Goodness and Mercy (v. 1-3)

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund

2) Home Missions

*Hymn: TCH 576 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: Luke 18:35-43 (pg. 1630)

Message: SEEING

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 562 **Be Thou My Vision** (v. 1,2,4)

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 56 To God Be the Glory (v. 1,3)

*Postlude