

Sunday, November 20, 2016

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 – Frank & Betty Pott

South Door – Ryan & Stacy Edeker

Next Sunday: North Door – Steve & Charlene Kramer

South Door – John & Jodi DeBerg

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Mark Kramer

Next Sunday – Delbert Cordes

VALET PARKING. Today – Pat Prier

Next Sunday – Rollyn DeGroot

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Dennis & Sharon Schipper

Next week – Gene & Janet Venenga

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Amy & Kay – *Thanksgiving*; JoLynne - *Thanksgiving*

Next week – Kamie & Nancy – *The Birth of John Foretold*; Brandy & Joel – *The Birth of John Foretold*

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
	6:00 p.m. – Worship Service
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time at Jean Trey's house
	7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
	6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Clarence Karsjens has returned home! Pray for continued healing and restoration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We welcome Pastor Dan Brower to our pulpit this morning.

The second offering next Sunday will be for Christian Education.

Thanksgiving Eve we will meet at 7 PM for worship.

A big thank you to all you helped in any way with our Soup Supper. We had a very good turnout. \$626 was raised for the Life Plus program. WOW!! It all was very much appreciated!!

World Hunger Campaign: You now have donated \$630.80 (40.80 from the kids Peter Fish banks). Today is the last day the box will be in the fellowship hall. Thanks again for all who have donated.

The General Fund Collection for November 13 was \$2,396.75. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

A Christmas program meeting for all Sunday School and Life Plus teachers is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, at 6:30 pm. We will be figuring out shops and shopkeepers for our tour of Bethlehem, as well as providing guidance for how to set up shop. PLEASE make it a priority to attend this meeting. We are excited about this adventure and will need help from everyone to make it happen! If you're not a teacher, but would like to be a shopkeeper, shepherd, carpenter, etc., in Bethlehem on the evening of December 21, please let Angie, Deb, or Jodi know.

Do you have a place to gather on Thanksgiving Day? Do you know of someone without a family to go to? The Mehmen Family would like to invite those from our church, our community and beyond to enjoy the Thanksgiving meal with us. A meal with all the trimmings, games, and fellowship will be provided on Thursday, November 24 from 11:30 until 1 pm in the church fellowship hall. In order to assure enough food, please contact Deb at 319-939-3522 or Ken at 319-269-1184 with the number attending or sign up in the fellowship hall. We would be blessed to have you.

Christmas Decorating: It would be very much appreciated for volunteers to help with the decorating for Christmas. Could you spare an hour or two on Friday, Nov. 25? Many hands make light work! From the tree, to the windows, entryways, fellowship hall, there's a spot just for you! No need to sign up, just show up! Thank you in advance.

White Christmas: We would appreciate any white or silver Christmas decorations you may let us borrow. These can be new or vintage. Please mark all items and bring by Wednesday, Nov. 23 or if you are planning to help Friday morning (yes, yes, yes), bring along. Decorations including linens would be fun. See you then.

The Worship Committee has set Saturday, December 24th at 6 PM for our annual Candlelight Service. This year, all of our Sunday School Children are asked to be part of the service. In order to have a part for each child, we need to know how many families will be here that night. Please tell Marcia or Jan who is able to be here.

Future Date: Christmas Tea, Wednesday, December 7th at 1:30. Janet Schildroth will be our speaker and will show us "Symbols of Christmas." All ladies are invited. Bring a friend.

COOKIES & TREATS! Timothy Christian School is having a Cookie Walk on December 2nd from 8:30am-11am at United Reformed Church (608 S. Adams, Wellsburg) or until the cookies run out! Choose from thousands of beautifully decorated cookies, fudge and other treats. Pay by the pound and fill up your box! Hot Cider and Coffee will also be available. To place an order for local delivery, please call 641-869-3679 on Thursday, December 1st before 3pm or Friday, December 2nd before 10am. We look forward to seeing you!

You are invited to attend the 69th annual Christmas with Wartburg at Neumann Auditorium on Saturday, December 3 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m. It will last approximately 90 minutes. This year's concert is based on the "O Antiphons" used in Christian liturgies throughout the world. The theme O Night Divine is taken from Adolphe Adam's beloved Christmas song "O Holy Night." The concert will take the audience on a musical journey that explores the wonder and mystery of both night and holy light found throughout the Christmas story. Seven Wartburg musical groups will perform: the Wartburg Choir, Wind Ensemble, Castle Singers, Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth Chorale, Kantorei,

and Kammerstreicher, a string orchestra. Tickets are available online at www.wartburg.edu/christmas or by phone at 319-352-8691 (Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - noon).

A Christmas Concert Fantastique will be Sunday, December 11 at 3 PM at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church. This concert will feature piano duets by Anna Mae Schnucker and Amy Truax. They will be assisted by Pam Hart, Susan Sivola, Aaron Ellermann, Stan Thompson, Chris Schnucker, Ben Schlamp and Kelsie Tingle. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the concert.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

November 20, 2016 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Psalm 105:5,7,&8**

*Song: TCH 581 **‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: Litany of Gratitude

Song: TCH 795 **We Are So Blessed**

God’s Will for Our Lives

*Hymn: TCH 540 **My Hope Is in the Lord**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 539 **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Habakkuk 1:1-4** (pg. 1456)

Message: **LIVING BY FAITH**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 536 **Have Faith in God**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 236 **The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

*Postlude

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP
November 20, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: **Psalm 124:8**

*Song: TCH 583 **You Are My All in All**

*God's Greeting

What We Believe: **Nicene Creed**

(*)Hymn: TCH 572 **Blessed Assurance**

Evening Prayer

Offertory & Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 575 **Leaning On the Everlasting Arms**

Scripture: **Acts 21:1-16** (pg. 1730)

Message: **GOD'S WILL BE DONE**

*Hymn: TCH 604 **I Then Shall Live**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: **Let There Be Peace** (back cover)

*Postlude