

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

*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. – Sunday School  
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School  
4:00 p.m. – Welcome Christmas Community Service

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to John and Ellen Hanna, who will be observing their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 1.

**Today we are** privileged to witness the profession of faith of seven young people: Lily Stirling, Emma Haan, Lila Reints, Ellie Reints, Kellen Reints, Rylan Ascher, and Savannah Ascher.

**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 Butler County Christmas Cheer.

**Next Sunday**, December 3, we are hosting the Welcome Christmas Service sponsored by the Parkersburg Ministerial Association. This begins at 4 PM with refreshments served afterward.

**Christmas Cookies and Tasty Treats:** Let Timothy Christian School do the baking for you this season! You are invited to attend Timothy Christian School's Cookie Walk on Friday, December 1 from 8:30-11 AM at the United Reformed Church in Wellsburg (608 S. Adams). Select from trays and trays of wonderfully decorated cookies, candies, and more. Fill up a box available at the church and pay by the pound. Relax as you enjoy a complimentary piece of homemade coffee cake with a cup of hot cider or coffee. Clay ornaments made by the art students will be available for purchase. To place an order for delivery in the area, please call 641-869-3679 on Thursday, November 30 from 8:30 AM - 3 PM or 641-869-3633 on Friday, December 3 from 8-10 AM to make arrangements.

**Holy Family Parish**, St Gabriel Church, Reinbeck, Iowa, Holiday Cookie & Candy Walk and Bazaar, will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. People may purchase a large box for \$15 or a small box for \$8 and fill it with the cookies and candies of their choice. Pre-filled large boxes are available for \$17 and small for \$10. Homemade cinnamon rolls will be served and craft items for sale. Several holiday vendors will also be present. The church is handicap accessible. St Gabriel Church is 5 miles South of Hwy. 20 (Dike exit) on CR T55.

**The General Fund collection** for November 12 was \$1,851.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$150.00.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sun., Nov. 26** – Profession of Faith Sunday

**Sun., Dec. 3 – 4:00 PM** – Welcome Christmas Community Service at our church

**Wed., Dec. 6 – 1:00 PM** – The Sunshine Christmas Tea

**Sun., Dec. 17 – 4:00 PM** – Home for Christmas

**Sun., Dec. 24 – 6:30 PM** – Candlelight Service

**Mon., Dec. 25 – 9:30 AM** – Christmas Morning Service

**Sun., Dec. 31** – Pastor Rus's farewell sermon followed by a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall

**This year the** Worship Committee has decided to focus on the genealogy of Jesus through specific women of the Bible. On December 3, Tamar will be the first woman. Read about her in Genesis 38, Matthew 1:1-3, and Romans 8:35-39. On December 10, we will find out how Rahab fits into the story. Read about her in Joshua 2, Matthew 1:5, James 2:25-26, Romans 8:1-2. On December 17, Bathsheba is our next subject. Her story can be found in 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25. On December 24, Ruth is going to be considered. Read her story in the book of Ruth and in Matthew 1:3-6, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 16:10 and Micah 6:38. For December 25, our final woman to talk about is Mary. Her story can be found Matthew 1:15-25, Galatians 4:4-7, Ephesians 3:17-19. All of these women were ordinary, unlikely, victims of the sin and crimes of the time that they lived in. By the end of this Advent Season we will know how God can use anyone to be a part of His Redemption plan.

# **Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

November 26, 2023 – 9:30 AM

## **WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 18:1-3

\*Hymn: TCH 35 **Hallelujah! Our God Reigns**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Song: **Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone** (video)

Profession of Faith

\*Hymn: **Because He Lives – Amen** (video)

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) Student Connection

\*Hymn: TCH 56 **To God Be the Glory**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Ephesians 6:10-23** (pg. 1824)

Message: **CHRISTIAN WARFARE**

Prayer of Dedication

## **RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 732 **The Battle Belongs to the Lord**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 62 **Blessed Be the Lord God  
Almighty**

\*Postlude