Sunday, November 8, 2026

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

We extend our sympathies to the Bruns family, as Paul Bruns passed away this past Tuesday. His funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 9, at our church.

Congratulations to Denny Schipper, who observed his 81st birthday on November 3.

Congratulations to Dennis and Lois Mennen, who will be observing their 59th anniversary on November 10.

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 Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child.

Council would like your help in selecting a new church sign. Two sign options are on display in the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to review the options and vote for your preferred design. Votes will be tallied after church service on November 22nd.

Shoebox Collection Week this year is November 16-23. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the fellowship hall.

Want to invite someone to church but aren't sure what to say? Try an Outreach Card! These cards make it easy to extend a simple invitation and let someone know they're welcome. Outreach Cards are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 36:
Q: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?
A: He is our mediator and removes from God's sight my sin, mine since I was conceived.
-*HC and ME: The Heidelberg Catechism for Christian Living* (2006), Faith Alive Christian Resources

The October 25th offering for the General Fund totaled $2,986.78. The November 1st offering for the General Fund totaled $1,872.00. The collection for the Back to God Hour totaled $98.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

November 8, 2026 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 12 **Praise Him! Praise Him!**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 435 **God of Grace and God of Glory**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Faith Promise

*Hymn: TCH 415 **We Are Called to Be God's People**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Acts 1:12-26** (pg. 1691)

Message: **ACTIVE MINISTRY**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 571 **Trust and Obey**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 235 **Take the Name of Jesus with You** (verse 1)

*Postlude

Council Notes of November 2, 2026

The council meeting of November 2nd, 2026 was opened by the reading of Proverbs 3: 5-6; Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 4 1-3. Prayer given by Pat Prier.

Article 1: Minutes of the November 2nd, 2026 council meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: Minutes of the October 4th, 2026 congregational meeting were read and approved.

Article 3: No Correspondence was received.

Article 4: Ministry Reports and Concerns

- Elders Report: Provided a Pastoral visit; Communion will be provided to shut-ins the month of November.
- Pulpit Committee:
  - November 15th- Steve Mulder
- Worship Committee: Will be planning Advent services
- Attendance Report: There was an Average Attendance of 45 people with 13.8 people live streaming.
- Outreach Committee: No Report
- Discipleship Committee: Will be planning Christmas Eve candlelight service.
- Building and Grounds Committee:
  - The committee will follow up with last year's snow removal contractor to see if they are still available for this year.
  - Air conditioner has been repaired and furnaces have been serviced.
  - The church bell is not working again. Repairs will be completed before spring, as the bell will be turned off for the winter.

Article 5: Financial Reports and Concerns

- Receipts of $8,599.78 was received. Budget amount of $9,076.92 is needed. Giving us -$477.14 for the month. With a YTD of -$829.69.

Article 6: Old Business

- Church sign design options were presented to Council. Two options will be displayed in the fellowship hall for members to vote on. The design receiving the most votes will be selected.
- The Search Committee met on October 13th. Rukes Group presented three potential candidates. Since that meeting, one candidate has accepted a call. The remaining candidates are being reviewed, with a potential interview scheduled for November 10.

Article 7: New Business

- Deb Prier joined the council meeting and provided an update on assisting with some of Angie Meester's responsibilities and volunteer duties, as well as ways the congregation can send cards or make donations.
  - A card box for Angie Meester will be placed in the fellowship hall. Cards will be collected and shipped all together.
  - A couple of backup organists and pianists have agreed to help as needed.
  - Operation Christmas Child will take place November 16–23. There will not be a shoebox packing party this year, but assistance from the congregation will still be needed.
  - Deb will fill in coordinating the church newsletter. Anyone with content or announcements for the newsletter should contact Deb Prier.
- Council agreed to collect a special offering for Dale and Angie Meester on November 15.
- The Deacon' s presented the proposed 2027 budget. A motion was made, supported, and approved to present the proposed 2027 budget to the congregation, including a $1,500 increase in ministerial shares, to be designated toward denominational shares.

Article 8: Motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting.

Article 9: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 10: Closing Prayer was given by Ken Meester.

Respectfully submitted:
Vice President: Pat Prier
Clerk: Mike Ascher

Members Present:
Wendell Davelaar
Mike Ascher
Ken Meester
Larrry Luhring
Brad Allspach
Amy Swanson Haan

Members Absent:
None

Guest Present:
Deb Prier

Next meeting is set for December 7th at 7:00 PM.