

Sunday, November 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

1:30 p.m. – Shoebox Packing Party

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Dennis and Lois Mennen, who will be observing their 58th anniversary on November 10.

Thank you to everyone for all the birthday wishes, calls, texts, cards, gifts, and coming to the open house. This was greatly appreciated. God has blessed me with 80 wonderful years of family and friends. **Dennis Schipper**

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 Randy Aalderks to our pulpit this morning.

Our Shoebox Packing Party will be this afternoon, November 9, at 1:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

Brothers Market and the AP Food Pantry are teaming up to provide sacks of non-perishable goods for local families who are struggling right now to have enough food to feed their families. When you shop at our local Brothers Market, you can give the cashier \$10 and the store personnel will fill a sack with that amount of goods. The sacks will be collected and brought to the Food Pantry before the next distribution day, which is November 15. The goal is to have 100 sacks ready to give out that day. Consider this an opportunity to share what you have been given. In the Bible, Matthew 25:29 tells us that to those who use well what they have been given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. Thank you for giving!

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 9 – Randy Aalderks

November 16 – Steve Mulder

November 23 – Rus Boersma

The General Fund collection for November 2 was \$3,888.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Back to God Hour totaled \$135.00.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 116:

Q: Why do Christians need to pray?

A: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them.

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

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

November 9, 2025 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalms 113:1-5

*Song: TCH 21 **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 63 **All Creatures of Our God and King**

Morning Prayer

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

*Hymn: TCH 12 **Praise Him! Praise Him!**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Psalms 100:1-5** (pg. 937)

Message: **PRAISE HIS NAME!**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 90 **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 166 **Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow**

*Postlude

Council Notes of November 2, 2025

The council meeting of November 2nd, 2025 was opened by the reading of Acts 20: 25-28 and Verse 32. Prayer was given by Ken Mehmen.

Article 1: Minutes of the October 6th, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: A thank-you note was received from Kayla Ubben of LifeWise Academy.

Article 3: Ministry Reports and Concerns

- Elders Report: No Report
- Pulpit Committee:
 - November 9th – Randy Aalderks
 - November 16th – Steve Mulder
 - November 23rd – Rus Boersma
 - November 30th - Joel De Boer
 - December 7th - Rus Boersma
 - December 14th - Joel De Boer
 - December 21st - Tom Niehof
- Worship Committee: Selected “Season of Stillness” as the theme for the Advent season. The committee also discussed the possibility of holding a church service on the Wednesday Night before Thanksgiving, November 26.
- Attendance Report: There was an Average Attendance of 47.8 people with 16.5 people live streaming.
- Outreach Committee: No Report
- Discipleship Committee: No Report
- Building and Grounds Committee: No Report

Article 4: Financial Reports and Concerns

- Receipts of \$8,247.00 was received. Budget amount of \$9,185.20 is needed. Giving us -\$938.20 for the month. With a YTD of -\$5762.00.

Article 6: Old Business

- Clayton purchased QuickBooks, the church’s current accounting software, at a significantly reduced cost thanks to Amy’s research.
- The Search Committee met with the Rukes Group and conducted a candidate interview on October 14th, followed by another candidate interview on October 28th. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11th to discuss the second interview process.

Article 7: New Business

- Irv Haan presented information on a new phone system that could potentially reduce the church’s expenses and include more call forwarding options. He will follow up with the local representative to obtain pricing details.
- Discussion was held about having future special offerings to support LifeWise Academy.
- The Deacons presented the proposed 2026 budget. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to bring the proposed budget before the congregation.
- The congregational meeting is scheduled for December 7th, 2025.

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 Rollyn DeGroot.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice President: Ken Mehmen

Clerk: Mike Ascher

Members Present:

Rollyn DeGroot

Mike Ascher

Ken Mehmen

Brad Allspach

Amy Swanson Haan

Members Absent:

None

Guest Present:

Irv Haan

Pat Prier

Next Meeting: Dec. 8 at 7:00 PM