

**Sunday, October 12, 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

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

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Please keep** Dennis and Lois Mennen in your prayers, as they are both dealing with health issues.

**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 the Benevolent Fund.

**We welcome** Randy Aalderks to our pulpit this morning.

**The elders will** collect the Benevolence offering after communion next week.

**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:**

October 12 – Randy Aalderks

October 19 – Stewart De Jong (communion)

October 26 – Dale Akkerman

**Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 112:**

**Q: What is God's will for you in the ninth commandment?**

A: God's will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without hearing them or without a just cause. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are devices that the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God's intense anger. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name. Don't lie.

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

**The General Fund collection** for October 5 was \$2,973.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$180.00.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

October 12, 2025 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1-3

\*Song: TCH 213 **We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise**  
TCH 214 **He Has Made Me Glad**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Preparatory Form

Song: TCH 794 **Let All Things Now Living**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) Christian Education

\*Hymn: TCH 718 **Day by Day**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Isaiah 40:28-31** (pg. 1121)

Message: **SOMEONE IS IN YOUR CORNER**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 786 **Count Your Blessings**

\*God's Blessing

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

\*Postlude

## Council Notes of October 6, 2025

The council meeting of October 6th, 2025 was opened by the reading of Ephesians 4: 25-32. Prayer was given by Ken Mehmen.

Article 1 Minutes of the September 7th, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

Article 2 No Correspondence was received.

Article 3 Ministry Reports and Concerns

- Elders Report: No Report
- Pulpit Committee:
  - October 12<sup>th</sup> – Randy Aalderks
  - October 19<sup>th</sup> – Stewart DeJong
  - October 26<sup>th</sup> – Dale Akkerman
  - November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joel De Boer
  - November 9<sup>th</sup> – Randy Aalderks
  - November 16<sup>th</sup> – Steve Mulder
  - November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rus Boersma
- Worship Committee: No Report
- Attendance Report: There was an Average Attendance of 45 people with 11 people live streaming.
- Outreach Committee: Ken Mehmen visited a family as part of ongoing outreach efforts.
- Discipleship Committee: No Report
- Building and Grounds Committee: No Report

Article 4 Mutual Censure was held.

Article 5 Financial Reports and Concerns

- Receipts of \$18,187.00 was received. Budget amount of \$9,185.20 is needed. Giving us \$9001.80 for the month. With a YTD of -\$4823.80.

Article 6 Old Business

- A motion was made, supported, and approved to obtain estimates for replacing the church sign.

- Amy presented information on acquiring discounted financial bookkeeping software.
- A motion was made, supported, and approved to buy out the church's current copy machine and continue with a service contract.
- The Search Committee met with the Rukes Group on September 23. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14.

Article 7 New Business

- Mike Ascher and Rolly DeGroot presented information on the recent Classis meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding snow removal for the 2025–2026 season.

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 Mike Ascher.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice President: Ken Mehmen

Clerk: Mike Ascher

Members Present:

Rollyn DeGroot

Mike Ascher

Ken Mehmen

Brad Allspach

Amy Swanson Haan

Pat Prier

Guest Present:

None

Members Absent:

None

Next Meeting is set for November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM.