

Sunday, October 15, 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
	10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
	3:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service
	10:30 a.m. – Sunday School

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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 Back to God Hour.

Worship Committee will meet this afternoon at 3:00 PM.

Please be sure to place your survey in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Oktoberfest Meal will be happening on Sunday, October 29. To change things up a little, this Fest will be an old-fashioned Potluck! You can bring a little bit of something, or you can bring a whole lot of something! How about bringing a German dish of some kind. Maybe a family favorite that was a winner every time your mother made it. These dishes can be a meat dish or a veggie dish or a salad. There will be a prize for the "Best Dish of the Day". Dessert will be provided. All you great cooks start getting the old cookbooks out of their hiding places and figure out what will be fun to make and share!!

The Sunshine Circle only needs 46 more Best Choice barcodes to reach their goal of 1,000 barcodes to receive \$60!

Timothy Christian School is asking you to consider becoming a donor to their annual Fall Harvest Drive. Donations can be made in the form of grain delivered to your local elevator. This can be a few bushels to a semi-load, whatever works for you. The elevator will send the crop check directly to the school. If you are a landlord or do not farm, monetary donations would also be appreciated. Please call Dale Akkerman at 319-243-9890 for more information. Thank you for your support!

The General Fund collection for October 8 was \$1,433.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

October 15, 2023 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: John 4:23-24

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

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 597 **Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated**

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 138** (pg. 973)

*Hymn: TCH 676 **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Benevolence

*Hymn: TCH 665 **Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Ephesians 5:1-21** (pg. 1822)

Message: **IMITATING THE LIGHT**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

Communion

*Hymn: TCH 567 **Nearer, Still Nearer**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 815 **Doxology**

*Postlude

Council Notes of October 1, 2023

The Council meeting of October 1, 2023, was opened by the reading of Psalm 34. Prayer was given by Pastor Rus.

Article 1: Minutes of the September 6, 2023, Council meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: Correspondence was reviewed. A request to the deacons for a special offering to help pay for the cost of shipping the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes was made.

Article 3: Church Order Articles 11-13 were read for information.

Article 4: Ministry Reports

- Pastor's Report: A monthly report of activities and mileage was received for information.
- Elders' Report: No report.
- Pulpit Committee (Kevin Meester): It was informed that dates of November 5 and November 12, 2023, will need to be filled.
- Worship Committee (Dale Meester): Communion will be October 15, 2023. December 3, 2023, will be the community Welcome Christmas program held in our church. The Union High School singers are scheduled to perform, with the possibility of the Randy Aalderks family, as well.
- Attendance Report (Clayton Groeneveld): There was an average attendance of 47 people with 5 live streaming for the month of September.
- Outreach Committee (Ken Mehmen, Rollyn DeGroot): No report.
- Discipleship Committee (Joel Reints): No report.
- Building and Grounds Committee (Ryan Edeker, Kevin Meester): No report.

Article 5: Financial Reports and Concerns (Deacons)

- Receipts for the month were \$14,706.97, giving us a surplus of \$5,320.53 for the month of September. This give us a YTD positive balance of \$1,024.78.
- Budget amount of \$9,386.44 is needed per month.

Article 6: Old Business

- Some of the surveys of how to replace our retiring pastor were discussed. We decided to wait for more time to receive and review them.

Article 7: New Business

- Discussion was held on different ways to provide a proposed budget for next year.

Article 8: Mutual Censure was held.

Article 9: Motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting.

Article 10: Concept minutes were read.

Article 11: Closing prayer was given by Joel Reints.

Respectfully submitted:

Pastor Rus Boersma

Clerk: Dale Meester

Members Present:

Pastor Rus Boersma
Rollyn DeGroot
Ryan Edeker
Dale Meester
Kevin Meester
Ken Mehmen
Joel Reints

Members Absent:

None

Next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2023.

