

Sunday, October 25, 2020

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
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Life Plus (online)
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you so much for all the love, concerns and prayers given to me after my fall and hip surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Rus for being with Sharon during my surgery and all his visits and calls. This was all very much appreciated. God bless each and everyone of you.

Dennis Schipper

Please remember those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card in these trying days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will not be any coffee after the service this morning.

The second offering next Sunday will be for Home Missions.

Timothy Christian School is asking you to consider becoming a donor to their Annual Crop 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!

World Renew: People around the globe will participate in *World Hunger Awareness* in honor of the founding of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. With the world on the brink of an acute food crisis, let us join with God in renewing the lives of over 800 million hungry people worldwide, praying that He may transform hunger into hope.

It's Shoebox Time! There are opportunities aplenty to help with Operation Christmas Child this year! Here's some ideas to get you started...and if you have any questions, please contact Angie Meester.

> Take home a prefolded shoebox and fill it with items listed in the brochure, such as school supplies, toys, hygiene items, and return it during National Collection Week, Nov 16-23.

> Sign up to assist with the collection of shoeboxes at our church during National Collection Week. You can volunteer for one hour segments, or longer if you're able! Curbside Drop-Off this year will require some extra help to carry in shoeboxes. Kids of all ages, you are welcome and encouraged to help!

> Take a sticky square or two from the OCC quilt, purchase those items and return them to the giant shoebox at church by November 1 for the Life Plus kids to use during their packing party.

> Pray for each part of the shoebox ministry...people preparing shoeboxes, drivers delivering them, children and families receiving them.

If you would like to send your offerings in by mail, the church address is: Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church, 807 Grant St., Parkersburg, IA 50665

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

October 24, 2020 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 3 **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

*God's Greeting

Hymn: TCH 401 **The Church's One Foundation**

New Testament Reading: **Romans 3:21-31**

Hymn: TCH 404 **Faith of Our Fathers**

THE FIVE SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

II Timothy 3:16-17. All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correction, and training in righteousness, so that every man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Song: TCH 184 **Thy Word**

Sola Christus (Christ Alone)

Romans 3:21. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

Song: **In Christ Alone**

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)

Ephesians 2:8-9. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

Song: TCH 344 **Grace, Greater Than All Our Sins** (vs. 1 & 4)

Sola Fide (Faith Alone)

Galatians 3:11. Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because the righteous will live by faith.

Song: TCH 528 **My Faith Has Found A Resting Place** (vs. 1 & 2)

Sola Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)

I Peter 4:11. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Song: TCH 54 **My Tribute**

Morning Prayer

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

Hymn: TCH 408 **How Firm a Foundation**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Isaiah 43:14-21**

Message: **LIVING EXPECTANTLY**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 151 **A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 235 **Take the Name of Jesus with You**

*Postlude

Council Notes of October 19, 2020

Council meeting of October 19, 2020 was opened by reading a section of *Healthy Church* materials from CRC. The topic was “Child and Youth Ministries in a Healthy Church.” Scripture from Deuteronomy 6 and Mark 10 were read and discussed.

Article 1: Minutes of the September 8, 2020 council meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: Correspondence was reviewed for information.

- A thank you note was received from Hope Reformed Church for our participation in their “Backpack Night.” They were able to provide school backpacks for 50 children.
- A letter from Dordt University was received for information. The letter introduced Todd Zuidema as the new Dordt Director of Church Relations. It was noted that Classis Northcentral Iowa is represented by 14 students attending Dordt University.

Article 3: Ministry Reports:

- Pastor’s Report: Monthly report of visits, activities and mileage was received for information.
- Elder’s Report:
 - It was reported that telephone contacts with members have been made to update the present Church Directory. Work continues on the project.
- Pulpit Committee: Marlyn Allspach – No report.
- Worship Committee: Ken Meester – No report.
- Attendance: It was reported that the average church attendance for the month was 34 members.
- Outreach Committee: Marlyn Allspach - No report.
- Discipleship Committee: Mike Ascher - Mike reported that about 9 children are attending the Life Plus classes. Sunday School attendance was small with 3-5 children attending.
- Building Committee: Harold Coplen – No report.

Article 4: The September 2020 financial report was presented by Mike Ascher. Receipts of \$7414.50 were reported. The target monthly budget amount is \$8280.80 which results in a monthly shortfall of \$866.30. YTD shortfall is \$7254.79.

- A motion was made and supported to send a check in the amount of \$100 from the Benevolent Fund to the Gladbrook Methodist Church to show our support and encouragement for the recent loss of their church building due to fire.

Article 5: Old Business

- Budget discussions for next year continue. We are waiting for updated information from the Secretary of Deacons before proceeding. The budget process is difficult given our present financial circumstances. We ask for your prayers for wisdom and guidance as we proceed.

Article 6: New Business

- A motion was made and supported to hire Kevin Kruger for all snow removal of parking lot, sidewalks, and walks to the doorway. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion took place about the potential safety hazard of the speaker wires on the steps near the pulpit, A motion was made to place the wires under the stage and then to access the speakers through outlets to be installed on the steps. Motion carried.

Article 7 Motion made and supported to adjourn. Carried

Article 8: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 9: Marlyn Allspach closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Pastor: Rus Boersma

Clerk: Darrell Druvenga

Members present:

Pastor Rus

Marlyn Allspach

Mike Ascher

Harold Coplen

Darrell Druvenga

Members absent:

Ken Meester

Mike Sterling

Next Meeting: November 2, 2020

