

Sunday, September 13, 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

10:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Don Allspach is doing well and adjusting to his new room at the care center. His address is SR Care Center, 920 N Cherry, Room 126, Shell Rock, IA 50670.

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.

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

We welcome Alex Pollock to our pulpit this morning.

This morning we have the privilege of Operation Christmas Child Area Coordinator, Steve Fast, presenting our church with a sculpture of Franklin Graham presenting a shoebox to a child in honor of our 15th year serving as a Drop Off Location for the Northeast Iowa Team.

There will be a congregational meeting on September 20 after the service to share Council's plan to hire Rev. Wendell

Davelaar as an interim pastor for 8 months. This will be an informational meeting to provide Council's plans and progress, and an opportunity for them to get input from the congregation. Council will put a guideline in everyone's mailbox to share the details of what they have discussed with Wendell at this time.

It's time to start thinking about shoeboxes again! Shoebox Collection Week this year is November 16-23, so now is a good time to take advantage of back to school and holiday sales to purchase items needed for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. As in the past, we need school supplies, hygiene items (no soap or toothpaste!), toys, and clothes! Remember, please do not bring any used items. If you'd like to return your shoebox items to the fellowship hall, we'll use them at our Shoebox Packing Party in a few weeks!

Upcoming Speakers:

September 20 – Rus Boersma

September 27 – Randy Aalderks

October 4 – Kolbon Hoppenworth

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 28:

Q: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing can separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

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

The September 6th offering for the General Fund totaled \$2,137.00. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$162.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

September 13, 2026 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 210 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**
(verses 1,2,4)

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Operation Christmas Child Presentation

Song: TCH 624 **His Eye Is on the Sparrow**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 620 **Under His Wings**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Psalms 46:1-11** (pg. 885)

Message: **FINDING REFUGE IN GOD**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 526 **The Solid Rock**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 232 **God Be with You**

*Postlude

Council Notes of September 9, 2026

The council meeting of September 9th, 2026 was opened by the reading of Proverbs 2: 1-11. Prayer given by Pat Prier.

Article 1: Minutes of the August 3rd, 2026 meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: No Correspondence was received.

Article 3: Ministry Reports and Concerns

- Elders Report: None
- Pulpit Committee:
 - September 13th – Alex Pollock
 - September 20th – Rus Boersma
 - September 27th - Randy Aalderks
 - October 4th -Kolbon Hoppenworth
 - October 11th -Dale Akkerman
 - October 18th -Kevin Boss
 - October 25th -Kamdon Hoppenworth
- Worship Committee: No Report
- Attendance Report: There was an Average Attendance of 47.2 people with 12.2 people live streaming.
- Outreach Committee: No Report
- Discipleship Committee: Sunday School will combine all ages into one class and follow more of a Bible study format, as the older students have completed four years of Catechism. Teaching of Catechism will be reviewed again next year. Sunday School will be held before church at 8:45 a.m. to better accommodate students' schedules.
- Building and Grounds Committee:
 - Two of the Four air conditioners were broken. One has been repaired and the other will be repaired shortly. All the air conditioners were serviced.

Article 4: Financial Reports and Concerns

- Receipts of \$15,619.02 was received. Budget amount of \$11,346.15 is needed. Giving us a surplus of \$4,272.87 for the month. With a YTD surplus of \$2,209.37.

Article 5: Old Business

- Deacons Presented CD options. Motion made, supported, and approved to move general fund savings into a CD.

- Quote received for installation of the brick on the church sign. Motion made, supported, and approved to purchase the brick. Remaining items related to the church sign will be brought before the congregation for vote at the September 20th congregational meeting.
- A quote received for the printing of the outreach card. Some minor changes will be made to the cards, and they will be sent to print shop.
- Discussion was held on the upcoming Classis Meeting.
- The Search Committee did not meet in August. Next meeting is scheduled for September 22nd.

Article 6: New Business

- Contract and Job description reviewed for the hiring of interim pastor Wendell Davelaar. A summary of council's plan will be distributed for review prior to September 13th church service. A congregational meeting will be held September 20th to vote on the hiring of interim pastor Wendell Davelaar.

Article 7: Motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting.

Article 8: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 9: Closing Prayer was given by Amy Swanson Haan.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice President: Pat Prier

Clerk: Mike Ascher

Members Present:

Mike Ascher
Ken Meester
Larry Luhring
Amy Swanson Haan
Pat Prier
Brad Allspach

Guest Present:

None

Members Absent:

None

Next meeting is set for October 5th, at 7:00 PM.