## **Sunday, April 13, 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 Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Bible Study

Next Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

#### **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.

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

We welcome Reverend Tom Niehof to our pulpit this morning.

Would you like to attend an Easter Sunday Morning Sunrise Breakfast? There will be one right here in our Fellowship Hall next Sunday morning! It will begin at 8 o'clock. Come and grab a plate, walk along the Buffet counter and fill that plate with whatever looks good to you. Then go find a table and have a seat with friends and enjoy yourself. Come for an Easter Morning Blessing of a shared meal and fellowship, followed by a service celebrating the Good News that the stone was rolled away and the tomb is empty. HE HAS RISEN! Donations of Egg Bakes, fruit and baked goods would be great. We'll put the coffee on for you!!!

**In place of** a service on Maundy Thursday, Pastor Stewart de Jong will be leading a Bible study in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 17. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

The church is in need of someone to mow the lawn this coming year. If you are interested, please contact any council member.

**Please check your** mailboxes for the nomination lists for Elder and Deacon, and turn in your nominations.

**KidQuest will be** hosting their annual Hog Roast on Wednesday, April 16, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, at the Aplington Middle School. They will have shredded pork sandwiches, potato chips, baked beans, and pasta salad. Free will donation. They will also have a free will donation bake sale and silent auction during the meal. If you would like to donated some baked goods, they can be dropped off at KidQuest on April 16 before 4:00 pm and then at the middle school after 4:00 pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Join Hope Reformed Church on Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 am for a time of faith, food and fellowship! Aaron Thomas will be the guest speaker and Randy Aalderks will offer special music. Call 319-346-1575 to reserve your spot!

**SAVE THE DATE: Wonder Junction VBS** – Parkersburg CRC July 7 – 10, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Volunteers Needed:

All Aboard Assembly - Young people have agreed to lead the opening & closing.

High Point Bible Time - Nightly Bible Lesson (One Night Only) Sweet Sadie's Snacks - Assemble the snacks for the night (4 nights) - this person(s) will be in charge of the snack area and getting them ready. There will be a separate volunteer to tell the story.

Crew Leaders - Lead students around to each station (4 nights) If you are able to assist or have questions please let Stacy or Kayla know.

#### **Upcoming Speakers:**

April 13 – Rev. Tom Niehof

April 17 – Stewart de Jong

April 20 – Rev. Tom Niehof

## Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 37:

## Q: What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

A: That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race. He did this in order that by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might set us free, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

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

The General Fund collection for March 30 was \$1,068.00. The General Fund collection for April 6 was \$4,360.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10.

The Worship Committee has chosen a Lenten Devotional series based on Psalm 23. The main author is David Koll along with contributions from other writers. Psalm 23 is one of the most well-known chapters of the Bible. Many of us can recite it by heart. and children recognize it. The Psalm presents a beautiful picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We encourage each one of you to become familiar with this Psalm again. Read it. Pray it. Reflect on it. Listen to what God is saying to you through the words. Find other versions of Psalm 23 to help you gain a new understanding of the beautiful truths found in it. Every Sunday we will hear litanies entitled "Strolling with the Shepherd". It's our hope that all of us will be blessed as we learn, feel and see what it means to have a personal connection with the Good Shepherd that knows each of us by name and knows our wants and needs, our worries and cares, our joys and sorrows, our wishes and hopes!

# **Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

**April 13, 2025 – 9:30 AM WE COME NEAR TO GOD** 

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Song: TCH 296 Hosanna

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Lenten Reading

Song: TCH 105 We Will Glorify

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund

2) Benevolence

\*Hymn: TCH 297 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **John 12:12-26** (pg. 1671)

Message: KING OF ISRAEL, GOOD SHEPHERD, SAVIOR OF

THE WORLD

## Prayer of Dedication

#### RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

\*Hymn: TCH 300 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Communion

\*Hymn: TCH 324 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 299 In the Name of the Lord

\*Postlude