

**Sunday, April 6, 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

10:30 a.m. – Council Meeting

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

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Rod Mulder** is currently recuperating at Creekside Assisted Living.

**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** Pastor Rus Boersma to our pulpit this morning.

**Council will** meet after the service this morning.

**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.

**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 donate 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.

**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 6 – Pastor Rus Boersma

April 13 – Tom Niehof

April 20 – Tom Niehof

**Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 36:**

**Q: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?**

A: He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sign my sin – mine since I was conceived.

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

**The General Fund collection** for March 23 was \$1,508.00. 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 6, 2025 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship Litany:

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.

**People: Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

**People: For the Lord is the great God, the great king above all Gods.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

\*Song: TCH 688 **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Lenten Reading

Song: TCH 306 **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

God's Will for Our Lives: **Psalm 23**

\*Hymn: TCH 318 **I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

\*Hymn: TCH 302 **Lamb of God**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Hebrews 12:7-11** (pg. 1877)

Message: **COMFORTING DISCIPLINE**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 311 **Hallelujah, What a Savior**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 327 **The Old Rugged Cross** (v. 1)

\*Postlude