

Sunday, December 8, 2024

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 1:00 p.m. – Sunshine Circle Christmas Tea
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to John and Karen Oltman, who will be observing their 53rd anniversary on December 10.

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 Faith Promise.

We welcome Dale Akkerman to our pulpit this morning.

The Annual Sunshine Circle Christmas Tea will be held on this coming Wednesday, December 11 at 1pm. Please gather at the church and we will carpool over to Bethel Lutheran church where we will be treated to a guided tour by Gary Johnson and Kay Frey of the beautiful stained-glass windows. There have been hours of research done about the origin of these windows and what the different pictures in the windows mean. Following our tour, we will return to our church for refreshments and fellowship. Invite a friend if you wish. Please RSVP to Marcia or Jan today. Looking forward to sharing some Christmas Joy with each of you!

Gift bags are in the fellowship hall for everyone to drop a Christmas card in for four of the members of our congregation. Please have your cards in the gift bags by Sunday, December 22.

The congregational meeting will be held on December 22, 2024. If you will be gone and you'd like an absentee ballot, please let Council know.

We are incredibly thankful for the progress we've made in meeting our budget this year. However, as we approach the end of the year, we still have further to go to fully meet our financial needs. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to help us close the gap. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our church family.

Upcoming Speakers:

December 8 – Dale Akkerman
December 15 – D.J. Steen
December 22 – David Harms
December 25 – Randy Aalderks
December 29 – Shannon Ries

The General Fund collection for December 1 was \$4,843.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Butler County Christmas Cheer totaled \$125.00.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 19:

Q: Are all saved through Christ just as all were lost through Adam?

A: No. Only those are saved who by true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his blessings.

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

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

December 8, 2024 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

*Hymn: TCH 244 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading – The Fear of Home

Song: TCH 267 **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

God's Will for Our Lives: **The Ten Commandments**
Exodus 20:1-17 (pg. 118)

*Song: TCH 249 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 255 **Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Luke 1:26-33** (pg. 1588)
Matthew 1:18-25 (pg. 1497)

Message: **THE JOURNEY FROM FEAR TO FAITH**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 277 **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 243 **Emmanuel**

*Postlude