

Sunday, April 29, 2018

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, Jodi DeBerg, & Angie Meester

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Clarence & June Karsjens

South Door – Gene & Janet Venenga

Next Sunday: North Door – Pat & Deb Prier

South Door – Cory & Kamie Shepard

USHERS. Today – Ken Meester

Next Sunday – Delbert Cordes

VALET PARKING. Today – Rollyn DeGroot

Next Sunday – Marlyn Allspach

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Dale & Angie Meester

Next week – John & Jodi DeBerg

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Kamie & Nancy, Brandy

Next week – Ryan & Stacy, Deb

Please note: If there are any differences between the schedule in the bulletin and the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff, please follow the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff.

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
 6:00 p.m. – Worship Service
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Rollyn and Kathy DeGroot, who will be observing their 52nd anniversary on April 30.

Please be in prayer for Nancy Mehmen who is hospitalized in the University Hospital in Iowa City. An update will be given before prayer time.

Thank you so much for remembering me with your prayers, cards and gifts as I celebrated my 80th birthday. A special thanks to the Sunshine Circle for the flower. You have made this celebration special. **Betty Pott**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning.

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

This morning we are pleased to welcome Amy Truax as our guest organist to participate in the dedication of the new organ recently provided for our use in God's house of worship. We thank Amy for her willingness to share her talents with us and pray that all will receive a special blessing during this special service. Refreshments will follow in the fellowship hall.

Please check your mail boxes for the nomination information and forms for Elder and Deacons. We hope to have the nominations in by May 13.

Sunshine Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 2 at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kay will serve.

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 3. In 1988 President Reagan signed into law the 1st Thursday in May as the annual National Day of Prayer. Please take time that day to pray for UNITY in America. Next Sunday, May 6th, in our morning service we will be spending time in prayer for our nation, churches and families.

The General Fund Collection for April 22 was \$2,656.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,411.00.

Ascension Day – Thursday, May 10. Next Sunday, May 6th, the sermon will be based on Acts 1: 1-11 in observance of this great day in church history.

Our family would like to express our many thanks to our church family and to Pastor Rus and Mary for the many acts of kindness shown to us in our time of our mother's struggles and challenges with her battle with cancer and loss of life. Your prayers, love, and support, visits, dishes of food, and goodies brought by to the house were greatly appreciated, and we cherish your friendship in Christian love. We would like to thank the **Sunshine Circle** ladies for all your kindness. All your prayers, kind words, support and comfort were truly appreciated at our time of sorrow and loss. Thanks also for all you ladies do in our church. We would also like to say many thanks to the **Knitting and Crochet Group** at church for the beautiful prayer shawl that was made and given to our mom while she was staying here with us in Parkersburg after she was diagnosed with cancer. We really appreciate your time, love, thoughts, prayers, and hard work that went into it are truly a blessing. Again, MANY THANKS for all the sympathy shown in our time of sorrow and loss, and for your kindness shown to our family. We are so blessed to have such an awesome church family. In Christian love, may God bless,

Henry & Kathy Heeren

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church
April 29, 2018 – 9:30 AM
Organ Dedication Service
WE COME NEAR TO GOD

The First Prelude – Jan Johnson and Angie Meester

The Second Prelude – Amy Truax

Call to Worship: **Psalm 150 Responsive Reading**

Leader: Praise the Lord.

Everyone: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Leader: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Men: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,

Women: Praise Him with the harp and lyre,

Children: Praise Him with tambourine and dancing,

Women: Praise Him with the string and flute,

Children: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals,

Men: Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Leader: (Praise Him with the Johannus Opus 270 organ.)

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Everyone: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn: TCH 21 (v. 1-5) **O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 98**

Dedication of the Organ

Litany of Dedication

Pastor (*standing before the organ*): Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, since God has put into our hearts to add this organ to the musical life of this congregation and as an aid to worship Him in this sanctuary, it is right that we should now dedicate it to Him and set it apart to the holy use for which it is designed.

Leader: To the glory of God, author of all goodness and beauty, giver of all skill of mind and hand:

Everyone: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: In faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who has inspired all people to offer in His praise their best music and song:

Women: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: Moved by the Holy Spirit, our guide in the worship of God and

our helper in the understanding of truth and beauty:

Men: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: To kindle the flame of devotion, that the people of God who assemble here may worship the Father in spirit and in truth:

South Side: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: To inspire people to offer praise in music of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to go forward from this house of God with high resolve to do God's holy will:

North Side: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: To show God's lovingkindness in the morning; to bless the evening hour with inspiration; to rally the patriots; to hallow memorial days; and to solemnize the joy of bride and groom:

Veterans: We dedicate this organ

Leader: To comfort the sorrowful and cheer the faint-hearted, to bring purity and peace in human hearts, and to lead all who hear it in the way of eternal life:

Everyone: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: To honor and remember all who have gone before us in the faith and fellowship of this church:

Council: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: To those worshipers who will follow us in song and praise:

Children: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: Because you have made us in your image, and have called us to share in the work of creating, bringing the gifts of reason, skill, and talent to the service of others:

Organists: We dedicate this organ.

Leader: To the One eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, worthy of adoration and glory in God's holy temple, now and forevermore.

Everyone: We dedicate this organ.

Organists' Pledge

Prayer: O Lord, before your throne the trumpets sound, and saints and angels sing. Grant that by the reverent and holy use of this instrument, your praise will now and forever more be set forth in your church. Accept this organ we dedicate to you, so that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise. We ask that you would bless us with your grace, as we bless with our thanks the generous friends whose gifts have brought this new instrument into our sanctuary. We pray that your people in this place and all who enjoy the beauty of music may serve you with gladness and show your praise in glad and triumphant songs. Let your glory fill this place and your Spirit dwell in the hearts of your people that we shall sing your praise in spirit and with the understanding that we may be numbered at the last among the blessed who will sing that song which is ever new before your throne. And all God's people said...**Amen.**

Hymn: **Hymn to the Organ** (Tune: My Country Tis of Thee)

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| 1. For all Your Church imparts | 2. We thank You for the gift, |
| O God of love, our hearts | Whose wing-ed strains uplift |
| Their tribute bring; | Our thoughts to You; |
| We chant our grateful praise, | May worship rare abound, |

While organ notes upraise,
With charm of holy days,
The song we sing.

As to the organ's sounds,
Our service glad is crowned
With melody.

3 While now with choral voice

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| | We pledge our sacred choice |
| | Your will to trace. |
| | The organ's clear accord |
| | Shall speak our faith abroad, |
| | Like that of Christ the Lord, |
| | For truth and grace. |

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund

2) Organ

Special Music: Marcia Allspach and Jan Johnson

Morning Prayer

*Hymn: TCH 624 (v. 1-3) **His Eye Is On The Sparrow**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Psalm 33:1-3**

Message: **THE MINISTRY OF SACRED MUSIC**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

The Bible instructs God's people to sing Psalms in Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16. Jesus sang the Psalms (Matthew 26:30). The early church sang the Psalms. The Reformers, especially in the tradition of Calvin, loved to sing the Psalms. The Psalms – 150 God-breathed songs – have been the staple of Protestant worship for 500 years. The Psalms give expression to the full range of human emotion – lament, joy, anguish, doubt, hope, longing, confusion, jubilation, contrition, and fear. We sing the Psalms to our great spiritual profit; we neglect them at our peril.

Psalm 149 is a song of praise. Composed after the exile to Babylon, this Psalm exhorts Israel to sing a new song to the Lord, praising Him with instruments and dancing for saving the humble and opposing the wicked.

*Hymn: **Sing Praise to the Lord**

1. Sing praise to the Lord; come sing a new song.
Amid all His saints His praises prolong.
Let Israel be glad in their Maker and sing;
Let all Zion's people rejoice in their King.
2. With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim,
With dancing and song give praise to His name.

For God in His people His pleasure will seek,
With robes of salvation adorning the meek.

3. In glory exult, you saints of the Lord;
With songs in the night high praises accord.
Go forth in His service, be strong in His might
To conquer all evil and stand for the right.
4. For this is God's word: His saints shall not fail,
But over the earth their power shall prevail.
All kingdoms and nations shall yield to their
sword -
Thus God shows His glory. Sing praise to the
Lord!

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: PH 469 (v. 3) **By The Sea of Crystal**

*Postlude

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church
Evening Service
April 29, 2018 – 6:00 PM

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 117

*Song: TCH 427 **People of God**
TCH 429 **They'll Know We Are Christians**

*God's Greeting

What We Believe: Apostles' Creed

*Hymn: TCH 436 **Freely, Freely**

Evening Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 415 **We Are Called to Be God's Children**

Scripture: **John 1:1-18** (pg. 1645)
Lord's Day 13

Message: **FOUNDLINGS OF GOD**

*Hymn: TCH 416 **We're Marching to Zion**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 425 **Bind Us Together**

*Postlude