

**TODAY, February 23**

During Worship Youth Sunday (HSYG)  
Children & Worship  
10:45-11:30 AM Sunday School (PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
4:40-5:45 PM Leaps of Faith (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
- meet at Lamberts' — pizza provided!

**Wednesday, February 26**

5:30-6:30 PM ARC Community Meal in the lower level Fellowship Hall  
6:30-7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service  
NO F3 or MSYG

**Sunday, March 1**

During Worship Children & Worship  
10:45-11:30 AM Sunday School (PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
4:40-5:45 PM Leaps of Faith (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Where does my kid go?**

All rooms in the lower level.

Primary Grade, Middle School  
& High School Sunday School

PreK/TK	Room 106
K & 1 <sup>st</sup>	Room 105
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Room 101
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 102
6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Room 107
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Room 108

**No F3 / MSYG  
this Wednesday,  
February 26**

Join us instead for an  
ARC Community Meal  
starting at 5:30 PM and  
Ash Wednesday worship  
service at 6:30 PM!

At American Reformed Church (ARC), children are always invited to fully participate in worship, and all ages and stages are welcome.

These ministries are also available to families during worship:

**Worship Bags**

All children

**Year Round**

pick up & drop off by elevator

**Nursery**

Birth-3YO

Upper Level Room 203

**Year Round**

9:15-11:30 AM

**ARC Kid's Care Coloring Pages**

Color a page and drop it in the offering plate.

These pages are given to those who are unable to worship with us regularly.

**Year Round**

during worship

**Worship Reflection Pages**

Activity pages for children who remain in worship

**Year Round**

during worship

**Children & Worship**

3YO-1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Lower Level Room 104/106

**Sept. 8-May 3**  
after children's message

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
The High School Youth	Leading Worship
Tristan Blom, Tyson Blom, Neriah Hardeman, Keian Reiter, Natasha Sampson, Kaylin Tullar	Readers Theatre
Olivia Brunsting, Neriah Hardeman, Katie Kensak, Mari Langton, Rebekah Powell, Natasha Sampson, Nevaeh Sampson, Aiden Truesdell	Praise Team
Jada Abrahamson, Tristan Blom, Tyson Blom, Olivia Brunsting, Mari Langton, Patrick Muilenburg, Natasha Sampson, Nevaeh Sampson	Strings Ensemble

**PARTICIPATING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

Al & Sandy Nibbelink, Marilyn Jiskoot, Iva Fylstra	Greeters
Nicole Beltman	Guest Connector
Ben Kamp, Brad Gabel	Sound & Video
Ben & Jennie Karnish, Danielle Beltman	Nursery
Joel & Junia Punt, Ben & Alison Kamp	Serving Refreshments
Rebecca Koerselman	C & W Leader
Cindy Zhang, Leah Hayungs	C & W Greeters

**PARTICIPATING IN MINISTRY NEXT WEEK (MARCH 1)**

Keith & Marabel Allen, Tony & Amber Altena Family	Greeters
Benjamin Langton	Guest Connector
Doug De Zeeuw, Paul Lambert	Sound & Video
Kim Van Es, Lynae Dadisman, Jabrel Blom	Nursery
Barb Ramsey, Muriel Powell, Pat Hansen	Serving Refreshments
Cambria Kaltwasser	C & W Leader
Jill Vander Weide, Katelyn Reuvers, Natasha Sampson	C & W Greeters



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**Transfiguration Sunday**  
February 23, 2020



## THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.  
\*Indicates the congregation may rise.*

PRELUDE	“Children of God” <i>Praise Team</i>
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Kaylin Tullar</i>
*SONG OF WORSHIP	“Build My Life” <i>Praise Team</i>
*GOD’S GREETING & SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	<i>Tristan Blom</i>
*SONG OF CONFESSION	“O Come to the Altar” <i>Praise Team</i>
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	“Rescue” <i>Neriah Hardeman, Katie Kensak, Nevaeh Sampson, Ava Schmitz</i>

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	<i>Alyssa Beltman</i>
SCRIPTURE	Mark 5:21-43, Mark 10:13-16 <i>Readers Theatre</i>
	<i>Children in preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may be signed in and meet Children &amp; Worship leaders at the back of the sanctuary. Children are always welcome to remain in worship. Worship activities for children are located near the elevator.</i>
SERMON	<i>Gideon Fynaardt</i>
*SONG OF REFLECTION	“Only a Holy God” <i>Praise Team</i>

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Pastor Mike*  
*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the row.*

OFFERTORY “Be Still, My Soul”  
*Strings Ensemble*

\*DOXOLOGY #809 - “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*Congregation, please stand when piano begins.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Jada Abrahamson, Tyson Blom,  
Keian Reiter, Aiden Truesdell, Kaylin Tullar*

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE “Children of God”  
*Praise Team*

\*BENEDICTION *Gideon Fynaardt*

\*SENDING SONG “Children of God” (Bridge Only)

\*POSTLUDE “Savior Like a Shepherd”  
*Tyson Blom, Patrick Muilenburg,  
Rebekah Powell, Aiden Truesdell*

*music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*

### Who belongs at American Reformed Church?

Everyone is welcome here. Everyone belongs. Whether you walked in the doors for the first time or the 321<sup>st</sup> time this morning ... you belong. There are no special requirements to be a part of church.

Our denominational tradition does invite people to become members of a local church like American. But this isn’t a club; it’s a community. Becoming a member is simply a sign of mutual commitment between a person and the entire ARC community. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to become a member, please contact the pastors ([elizabetharcoc@gmail.com](mailto:elizabetharcoc@gmail.com) and [mikearcoc@gmail.com](mailto:mikearcoc@gmail.com)).

**But remember ... you belong beyond membership.**

## PRAYING FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

Pray for God’s presence for:

\***Marabel Allen**, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

\*The country of **China** and the coronavirus situation. Several members and friends of ARC have beloved family members and friends in China whose lives have been dramatically impacted by the situation.

\*The family and friends who are grieving the death of **Jim Huston**. Jim passed away at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City on February 14. A memorial service was held in Spencer on February 21.

\***Gertrude Intveld**, mother of **Bonnie Van Leeuwen**, who has been admitted to hospice care at Ava’s House in Sioux Falls. Pray for the entire family as they care for Gertrude.

\***Jenn Lambert**, who has been diagnosed with Stage I breast cancer and will be having surgery at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, February 25, followed by radiation treatments.

\***Ray Schram**, father of **Dan Schram**, who is undergoing aggressive treatment for cancer and is struggling with a heart that functions at 15-20 percent.

\***Lynn & Denise Sneller**, who are grieving the death of Lynn’s twin brother, **Lowell Sneller**. Lowell passed away at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines on February 13.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, February 23

**10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship** in the gathering area outside the sanctuary.

**10:45-11:30 AM Adult Discipleship classes** in Rooms 201 and 202. Please join in even if you haven’t attended before. Classes run through March 1.

- **UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA: THE HEALING WORK OF A COMMUNITY (VIDEO SERIES)** – *Room 202; facilitated by Angela Kroeze Visser, Lori Hayungs, and Elizabeth Brown Hardeman.* Explore the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual impact of trauma and stress on children and adults, and talk about how we can support healing in ourselves and others as individuals and a community of faith.
- **TULIP** – *Room 201; facilitated by Sara and Kevin Huyser.* Review the doctrinal statements represented by TULIP, consider the relevancy and applicability of these points in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and discuss whether it’s necessary to tweak or uproot TULIP.

Monday, February 24

**10:00 AM Women’s Prayer** at Prairie Ridge Care Center (Grandview Cottage #9) in Orange City.

Wednesday, February 26

**5:30-6:30 PM ARC Community Meal** in the lower level Fellowship Hall.

**6:30-7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service** in the sanctuary.

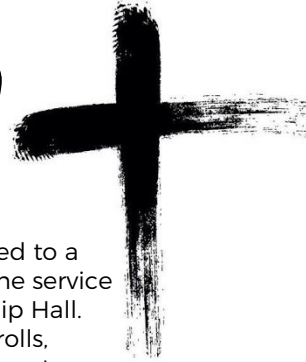
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS.** Inside the 2020 Narrative Budget was a card for you to pledge your gifts of treasure, time, and talent to our church community in the coming year. Please return the cards today — if you need one, check your mailbox downstairs, or grab a copy of the narrative budget at the Welcome Center by the lower level entrance or on the table outside the church offices. You can place the card in the offering plate or the drop box by the offices. Thank you for being part of the life and mission of ARC!

JOIN US ON

### Ash Wednesday

Please join us for worship on  
Ash Wednesday, February 26,  
from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.



All ARC members and friends are invited to a special ARC Community Meal before the service at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level Fellowship Hall. Enjoy hot Hawaiian meat-and-cheese rolls, coleslaw, and a variety of cookies and bars!

**LEARN ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT ARC.** What does it mean to be a member of a church? How do I learn more about the beliefs, ministries, and leadership structure of ARC? Is membership for me? How do I become a member of ARC? Join us for *Discover American* as we explore these questions and more. Classes will be held after worship on March 15, 22, and 29 from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Please sign up by March 1 on the sheet at the Welcome Center or outside the church offices, or by emailing Pastor Elizabeth. Questions? Contact Pastor Elizabeth ([elizabetharcoc@gmail.com](mailto:elizabetharcoc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Mike ([mikearcoc@gmail.com](mailto:mikearcoc@gmail.com)).

**PRAYER CARDS IN WELCOME PADS.** Please take note of the prayer cards inside the fellowship pads at the ends of the rows. We invite you to share with us any prayer requests you have for yourself or someone you know, or other ways ARC can connect with you.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS.** ARC member Susan West wishes to thank the congregation and pastors for all the prayers and support as she's dealt with health issues in recent weeks.

**ARC on TV & online:** Tune in to Channel 3 (if you have Long Lines cable service) or Channel 12 (if you have Premier Communications) on Sundays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 7 p.m. to catch a broadcast of our service. You can also watch just the sermon on our website ([americanchurchoc.com](http://americanchurchoc.com)) and our page on YouTube ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com); search: American Reformed Church OC)