

TODAY, February 3

During Worship Children & Worship*
 Green & Purple Groups meet in room 204.
 Children may be picked up by 10:45.

10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School
 3:45–4:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice
 5:00–?????PM HSYG (9th-12th) @ Blom's House

Wednesday, February 6

6:15–7:30PM F3 Buddy Night (1st-4th gr.)
 6:15–7:30PM MGYG Buddy Night (5th-8th gr.)

Sunday, February 10

During Worship Children & Worship
 10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School
 4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice (6th-12th gr.)
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group

Where does my kid go?

- ⇒ **Children & Worship Groups Combined**—The Green Group & the Purple Group have combined into one group and meet in room 204 for several weeks as renovation work continues to progress.
- ⇒ **The nursery remains open for children 3YO & under throughout the renovation.**
- ⇒ **Sunday School continues to be on hiatus.** Due to unforeseen circumstances, Sunday school for children & youth will not resume until March 3.

At ARC children are invited to fully participate in worship, and all ages and stages are welcome in the service.

These ministries are also available to families during worship:

Worship Bags **Year Round**
 All Children pick up & drop off by elevator

Nursery **Year Round**
 Birth–3YO 9:15–11:30 AM
 Upper Level: #203

Children & Worship **Sept. 9 – May 5**
 3YO–1st Grade after children's message*
 Upper Level: #204(Green & Purple)

*These 2 groups will be joined together in room 204. All children may be picked up @ 10:45AM from room 204 (behind Rosalyn DeKoster's office).

Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Pastor Elizabeth & Pastor Mike	Worship Leaders
Beau Koerselmann	Children's Message
Sharon Bartlett, Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene DeZeeuw,	Praise Team
Jenn Lambert, Ben Patzlauff, Angela Kroeze Visser	
Pam De Haan	Organist



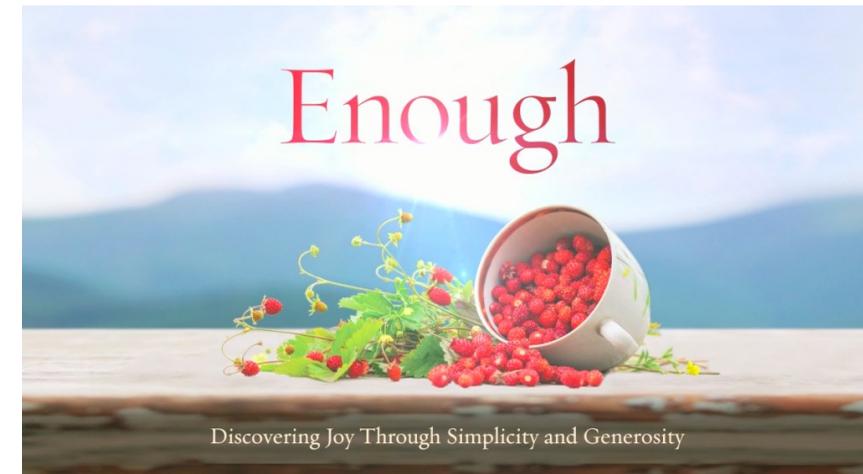
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 February 3, 2019

Who belongs at American Reformed Church?

Everyone is welcome here. Everyone belongs. Whether you walked in the doors for the first time or the 321st 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 and mikearcoc@gmail.com).

But remember...you belong beyond membership.



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Not Be Shaken”
praise team only

*SONG OF WORSHIP

“Not Be Shaken”

*GOD’S GREETING

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you give freely to us and offer us abundant life.
Yet contentment is elusive, and we often want more.
You are generous in gifts of compassion, grace, and forgiveness.
Yet we struggle to share those same gifts with others.
You have given us your Spirit for wisdom and discernment.
**Yet, our schedules and our houses are filled
with distractions of our own making,
and we are unable to hear your Spirit’s call.**

Please use the silence for reflection and personal confession.

God of grace,
**forgive our discontent with what we have,
and lead us into greater contentment.
Forgive our stinginess with what you’ve generously given us,
and lead us into greater generosity.
Forgive our distraction. and lead us into your wisdom.
In Jesus’ name, we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3YO–1st grade may exit the sanctuary doors
to meet Children & Worship leaders. They may be picked up in room
204 by 10:45AM. Worship bags and coloring pages are by the elevator
for children who remain in worship.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION

“Be Thou My Vision”

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:9-10
Proverbs 21:5

SERMON

“Enough: Know Your Purchasing Power”

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT & INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you formed each one of us and breathed into us the breath of life. You gave us more than we could ever need and placed us into a life of abundance. Yet from the beginning, we have hungered for more turning away from the abundant life you offered in order to pursue the life that appeals to this hunger within. This truth remains:

**When we turn away from you, you never turn away from us.
When we fail you, you remain faithful and steadfast.**

And so, with your saints from every time and place, we praise your name and sing this unending hymn:

Sung a cappella:

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Your love put on flesh and blood in the person of Jesus. Anointed to bring good news for all people, Jesus gave hope to the poor, healed the sick, loved the unlovable, taught the proud to be humble, welcomed outsiders, and opened wide the gates of the Kingdom. By his life, death, and resurrection you made with us a new covenant offering grace to all. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you. Great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

By your Spirit, make us one so that we may give your gift of grace to the world. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. As this cup pours out the lifeblood of Christ, may we pour our lives into a world in need.

**Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor,
to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, we give you glory, almighty God, now and forever. All God’s people said... **amen.**

COMMUNION

*Please exit to your left out of the pew when coming forward to a
station. Children are invited to participate in communion at the
discretion of parents/guardians. Children who do not participate in
communion may come forward with arms crossed to receive a
blessing. All communion elements are gluten free.
Those in need of anointing of oil and prayer for healing are
welcome to come forward to the center station.*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY p. 809
Congregation, please stand when organ begins playing.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #565—vs. 1, 3, 4 “Lord of Creation”
sung to tune #369

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #565—v. 3 “Lord of Creation”
sung to tune #369

*POSTLUDE

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: **REMINDER: ENOUGH SERMON SERIES READING for February 10** :
: Chapter 3: Cultivating Contentment (pp. 63-89) :
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PRAYING FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

*Please be in prayer for **Steve & Emily Mahr, and Margo, Xander, Phoebe, and Juniper** as they grieve the loss of **Steve’s grandfather, Steven Mahr**, who passed away in Knoxville, Tennessee on Saturday, January 26. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 10. To view the obituary, please go to: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/steven-mahr-obituary?pid=191385263>. Pray for the peace and comfort of Christ to surround Steve and the entire Mahr family as they grieve.

*Please continue to pray for **Xinyuan Zhang** as she continues to heal following surgery for a broken tibia. Pray for minimal pain, and pray for **Fan and Paul** as they support her throughout this difficult time.

EVENTS FOR TODAY

*****NOTE: Soup-er Bowl Soup Pick-up**

If you ordered soup from the high school youth, your soup will be ready to pick up at 10:45 AM TODAY (or 15 minutes after the service concludes) by the SE entrance of church. Thanks for your support of the youth!

◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship** in the Coffee Fellowship Area behind the sanctuary.

◆ **ADULT DISCIPLESHIP WINTER 2019 OFFERINGS**
January 13 – March 3 - 10:45 – 11:30 Sundays

• **BIBLE STUDY: JOSHUA**

Facilitators: Sara and Kevin Huyser

Location: 301 (Choir Room Upstairs)

The book of Joshua is a study in second chances...failing to enter the Promised Land when God first provided the opportunity, the Israelites are now given another chance by God to enter Canaan. In this study we will explore the major events, themes, and lessons in Israel's preparation for, entry into, and settling of the Promised Land and seek to relate them to our own daily lives.

• **STRONG AND WEEK: EMBRACING A LIFE OF LOVE, RISK AND TRUE FLOURISHING** by Andy Crouch (Book Study)

Facilitator: Kevin McMahan

Location: Room #204 (Genesis Room)

Please sign up for this class at the Welcome Center, where you can also order a copy of the book.

10:45-11:30 AM ENOUGH Sermon Series Small Groups
January 27-February 24

Locations: West Narthex and West Front of Sanctuary

4:45-5:45 PM ENOUGH Sermon Series Small Group
January 27-February 24

Location: Coffee Fellowship Area

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 4

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center (Grandview Cottage Dining Room) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt (707-4600).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **2ND SUNDAY GATHERINGS - February 10**



ARC members will be hosting 2nd Sunday groups in their homes February 10. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Counter in the coffee area (near the church office) or you may email or call Pam Boonstra pamboonstra@gmail.com 712-548-7148 before Monday February 4. All ages including college students are welcome. You will be asked to bring something for a Potluck meal if you can (it may be paper plates or a bag of chips).

• **DISCERNING CONSISTORY LEADERS**

All ARC Confessing Members are invited to participate in the consistory nominations and elections process. **Completed nomination forms are due in the box on the Welcome Center in front of the church office by 12:00 PM on Sunday, February 10, 2019.** Thank you for prayerfully considering those whom God is calling to serve in leadership at ARC.

• **OFFERING/TITHING ENVELOPES**

ARC members, if you use or have requested offering envelopes for 2019, they are in your church mailbox. Pick them up today!

• **DISCOVER AMERICAN**

What does it mean to be a member? 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 in a small group setting. Sessions will be held March 3, 10 & 17 from 10:45 to 11:30AM. If you are interested in participating in this conversation-based group, please sign up at the Welcome Center or email your interest to elizabetharcoc@gmail.com by February 17. If you have any questions about this class or American Reformed Church, the pastors welcome your calls and emails.

• **MEAL MINISTRY**

ARC is a caring and generous church family. Our Meal Ministry is a way to reach out and bless our members in time of illness, injuries, loss, family crisis or in celebrating new life. If you enjoy cooking or baking, consider joining this ministry. If being in the kitchen isn't your thing, fruit, a bakery item or a gift card to a local restaurant is always welcome.

When there is a need, Pam Boonstra, the current coordinator, sends out a group email. There is no obligation to respond for every need, rather when it works into your schedule. In some cases, daily meals may be provided for a short period of time. We would like to expand the group to include more contributors. Contact Pam at pamboonstra@gmail.com / 712-548-7148