

STUFF TO KNOW...  
**kids & youth**  
 MINISTRIES

**Dates to Know**

**TODAY, January 13**  
 During Worship Children & Worship RESUMES\*  
 Green & Purple Groups meet in room 204.  
 Children may be picked up by 10:45.  
 10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School  
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (9th-12th gr.)

**Wednesday, January 16**  
 6:15–7:30PM MCGY (5th-8th gr.)

**Sunday, January 20**  
 During Worship Children & Worship  
 10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School  
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group

**Where does my kid go?**

- ⇒ **Children & Worship resumes TODAY.** The Green Group & the Purple Group will combine 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  
 Pastor Elizabeth & Pastor Mike  
 Gail Marincovich  
 Rosalyn DeKoster, Tamara Fynaardt, Rebecca Koerselmann, Ben Patzloff, Teresa Sampson, Jeff Tolsma  
 Julia Huisman

Serving the Lord in Worship  
 Worship Leaders  
 Children's Message  
 Praise Team

Organist



**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
 January 13, 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 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 and mickearcoc@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 "This Day God Gives Me" Proulx  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Lowe

CALL TO WORSHIP "Come Just As You Are"

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "I Cannot Tell"

\*GOD'S GREETING & SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE  
The peace of Christ with you.  
**And also with you.**

CALL TO CONFESSION *Remembering Our Baptisms*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
God who claims us-  
baptism is a sign of your love and grace, freely given.  
**Yet, we confess that somewhere deep inside  
there is a voice that tells us we must earn your love  
and we must work for your grace.  
All too often we listen to that voice.  
So we are skeptical that you truly do claim us as your own.  
We strive to be nicer and do more  
that we might earn your love.  
We try to cover up our sin  
and hide parts of ourselves from you and others.  
We wonder if grace, freely given, is too good to be true.**

*Please use the silence for reflection and personal confession.*

God who comes to us in Jesus—  
remind us again and again that you claim us as we are.  
**And by your Spirit, call us to live as your covenant people  
in and throughout the world. In Jesus' name, we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS  
Water cleanses, purifies, refreshes, sustains;  
**Jesus Christ is living water.**  
Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience.  
**Yet, when we fall into sin,  
we must not despair of God's mercy,  
nor continue in sin,  
for baptism is the sign and seal  
of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
*Children & Worship resumes today in room 204. Children ages 3  
to 1st grade are welcome to attend. Worship bags and coloring  
pages are by the elevator for children who remain in worship.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION "Holy Spirit"

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:21-22

SERMON "Who do you think you are?"

## 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 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" J.S. Bach

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

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #558 "Love Divine, All Loves..."  
vs. 1-3

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG #558 "Love Divine, All Loves..."  
v. 4

\*POSTLUDE Recessional on "Lift High the Cross" Jordan  
*All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*

## PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

**We offer prayers of hope and comfort for:**  
**\*Sara & Kevin Huyser and the entire Kolenbrander family** in the death  
of **Ron Kolenbrander** (uncle of Sara). Ron passed away at the  
Hawarden Hospital on Sunday afternoon, January 6.  
**\*Diane & Peter Van Kley, Dana & Christopher Klein and their families,**  
as they grieve the death of Diane's brother, **Robert (Bob) Bruyn**, of  
Kansas City, who passed away this week.

Pray that the peace of Christ and the hope of the resurrection will  
surround these families and sustain them in the coming days.

## EVENTS FOR TODAY

**10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship** *in the fellowship area behind the  
sanctuary.*

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

•**BIBLE STUDY: JOSHUA**  
Facilitators: Sara and Kevin Huyser  
Location: 301 (Choir Room Upstairs)

•**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)

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, January 14**  
**10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer** at Prairie Ridge Care Center  
(Grandview Cottage Dining Room) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt  
(707-4600).

**Wednesday, January 16**  
**11:30 AM The Senior Lunch Bunch** will meet at the OC Pizza Ranch.  
Everyone is welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**SIGN UP FOR 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: [pamboonstra@gmail.com](mailto:pamboonstra@gmail.com) / 712-548-7148

•**HOST HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FROM JAPAN JANUARY 27**  
It is ARC's 8th year to host high school seniors from Tokyo, Japan.  
They study at Meiji Gakuin High School, a long time affiliate of the  
RCA. This year 17 students will attend NWC's Winter English  
Program. They will worship with ARC on January 27 and visit ARC  
Host Families for lunch and fun afterwards. If you are interested in  
being a host family, just let Kathy Gabel know at  
[kathygabel@gmail.com](mailto:kathygabel@gmail.com) or call 737-7799.