

Announcements

Transformation is happening!

Could you be part of it in children's or youth lives here at ARC? Here are some ways you can get involved in the 2017-2018 year:

- ◆ Pre-K/TK Lead Sunday School Teacher (every other Sunday, Sept-May)
- ◆ Children & Worship Music Time Leader (commitment TBA)
- ◆ Nursery Volunteer (approx. once a month)
- ◆ F3 Workshop Leader (once a month, Sept-Mar)
- ◆ F3 Small Group Leader (every Wednesday, Sept-Mar)
- ◆ Middle School Sunday School Teachers
- ◆ Middle School Youth Group Leaders

Contact Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com) or Rosalyn De Koster (arcyouthmin@gmail.com) for details. Thanks for being a faithful church family who cares about our children and youth!

Mark your calendars! Fall 2017 Children's Ministry Volunteer Training Dates

- ◆ **Sunday, August 20th @ 10:45-11:15 AM** in Room 103
-- Children & Worship Storytellers & Greeters
- ◆ **Monday, August 28th @ 6:30 PM** in Coffee Fellowship Area
-- Sunday School Teacher Training (Pre-K/TK - 5th grade)
- ◆ **Tuesday, August 29th @ 6:30 PM** in Coffee Fellowship Area
-- F3 Volunteer Training

Hope you can come! Questions? Laura Jonker, arckidsmin@gmail.com

•Sign Up to Provide Cookies/Bars

Four weekly volunteers are needed to each provide 4 dozen cookies/bars for coffee fellowship time on a designated Sunday, beginning August 6. They can be baked, frozen and brought at a later time, or purchased. Sign-up TODAY at the Welcome Center.

•Help Clothe-a-Child for School

American Reformed Church congregation has been given the opportunity to help with the Love INC Clothe-A-Child drive, where clothes may be purchased for local children for the upcoming school year.

Clothe-a-Child slips are still available on the clothes drying rack by the church mailboxes. You can take one slip or many, whatever you can do is a great help! When the item is purchased, please place it in a bag and return it (WITH A GIFT RECEIPT for easy exchange), to the basket by the drying rack **on or before NEXT Sunday, August 6**. If you still want to help but don't want to shop, contact Amber Altena (712) 360-0134 or Lesley Tjaden (712) 360-2874, and they will be happy to help you!

Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Philip De Koster	Organist
Lisa Burg, Tessa Burg, Rosalyn De Koster,	Praise Team
Tamara Fynaardt, John Hubers, and Teresa Sampson	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Kim Van Es	Children's Message
Mission Co-Worker J P	Guest Speaker
Rocky Mountain High Report	High School Youth and Leaders



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2017



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Across the Lands"

*GOD'S GREETING

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*
Merciful God,
**in your gracious presence we confess our sin
and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.**

(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)

Compassionate God,
**set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "Compassion Hymn"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
All children will remain with us in worship today.

*SONG OF PREPARATION #536 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-17

SERMON "The Last Great Enemy"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #809

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH REPORT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 #710 "We Are Called to Be"
v. 1-2

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #710 "We Are Called to Be"
v. 3

*POSTLUDE

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Everyone is invited to Fellowship Café immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: egg dish, sweet breads, fresh fruit and beverages.

Praying for God's People

Be in prayer for:
***Ben Burg and Elena Vazquez** attending camp at Inspiration Hills, July 31-August 4.

Events for the Week

Monday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 2

2:00 PM Ruth Circle (Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room)
Lesson: Mark 13
Leader: Lynne Grossmann
Hostess: Arlene Punt.