

TODAY, March 17

During Worship Children & Worship*
 Children can be picked up after worship in room 104/106.
 10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (9th-12th gr.)

Wednesday, March 20

6:15–7:30PM F3 (1st-4th gr.)
 6:15–7:30PM Mid-Grade Youth Group (5th-8th gr.)

Sunday, March 24

During Worship Children & Worship
 10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School
 Time TBA HSYG Progressive Supper (9th-12th gr.)

Other Info to Note

⇒ **The Broken-Toy Renovation!** - The frayed carpet and divider in the nursery are gone. Soon the stained sink will be too. It's time to sort out the broken toys. We are looking for a couple of people who are willing to take the lead on inspecting, sorting, and eliminating broken books, craft supplies, and toys—big, small, and everything in between. Please contact Pastor Elizabeth if you are interested—elizabetharcoc@gmail.com.

⇒ **High School Youth Group—Dates to Know**
March 24: Progressive Supper (Time TBA)
March 31: Worship at Amistad Cristiana (3:30–6PM)

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*
 Lower Level: #104/106

*All children can be picked up after worship from room 104/106 in the lower level Children's Ministry area.



The Season of Lent—Week 2
 March 17, 2019



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ACCEPTANCE + GRACE + WISDOM + LOVE



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Kyrie Eleison"
Praise Team Only

*SONG OF WORSHIP "O God, Our Help..."

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION "O Come to the Altar"
*The lyrics of this song invite us into a time of personal reflection
and confession. Please join the praise team as you feel led.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
*Children & Worship meets in the lower level Children's Ministry
area (rooms 104 & 106). 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 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

SCRIPTURE Lamentations 2:18-19

SERMON Lamentations: The Prerogative of Lament

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

SONG/PRAYER OF LAMENT "How Long?"

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.**

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 with pastors and sing a cappella.

*SONG OF RESPONSE "Kyrie Eleison"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "Kyrie Eleison"
Chorus only

*POSTLUDE

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PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Teresa Sampson	Worship Accompanist
Rosalyn De Koster, Michael Hornback, Rebecca Koerselman,	
Teresa Sampson, Dustin Schuur, Pete VanKley	Praise Team
Dustin Schuur & Rachel Schuur	Song of Lament
Pastor Elizabeth & Pastor Mike	Worship Leaders
Kim Van Es	Children's Message

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 mickearcoc@gmail.com).

But remember...you belong beyond membership.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please pray for **Mitch and Sandie Kinsinger** as Mitch undergoes chemotherapy for his lymphoma and as Sandie receives a lighter form of chemotherapy and prepares for her eventual bone marrow transplant. Notes and cards of encouragement can be sent to:
Mitch & Sandie Kinsinger
3809 E 52nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

*Please pray for **Jerry Brown**, father of **Elizabeth Brown Hardeman**, as he recovers from a skin graft surgery and prepares for radiation.

*Please pray for **Elizabeth & Michael Hardeman and Neriah, Rinnah, and Micaiah** as they grieve the death of Elizabeth's grandmother, **Dorothy Brown**. Dorothy passed away on Thursday, March 14 at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital. Funeral arrangements with the Oolman Funeral Home are pending at this time.

EVENTS FOR TODAY

10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall Area

10:45 - 11:30 AM ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

♦**Text to Turf: Bringing Today's Sermon into My Week**

March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 28; May 5

Moderators and Conversation Partners: To Be Announced

Location: Lower Level Youth Room

A discussion of the Sunday morning sermon, giving special attention to the implications of the message for how we should live our lives as agents for God's redemptive purposes. Attendees will have the opportunity to say what "jumped out at them" from the sermon.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 18

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center
Grandview Cottage Dining Room

7:00 PM Esther Circle

(We will meet at the home of Shirley Mouw—410 3rd St NW)

Lesson: March 18 from *The Upper Room*

Leader: Pat Hansen

Lunch: Bonnie Kaericher, Rachel Van Roekel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hosting is not complicated. You provide the space, the hospitality and part of meal. Ask your guests to bring the rest of the meal and any other items you might need. Pam will contact you with your guest list on April 8 or 9. Groups have ranged from 8 to 14, depending on your space.

To sign up as an April 14 - 2nd Sunday HOST, please contact Pam Boonstra, 712-538-7148, email: pamboonstra@gmail.com, BY APRIL 1.

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