

Announcements

•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 January 7, 2018. They can be baked, frozen and brought at a later time, or purchased. Sign-up TODAY at the Welcome Center!

•Help Needed! Serve with ARC Nursery or Children & Worship

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew (1948-1993)

Life is full, but so are your hearts. Will you consider spreading the love you have received to our children at ARC? We need three Children & Worship aids and 3 Nursery volunteers who are willing to serve on a Sunday morning about twice a semester. Please contact Laura Jonker, arckidsmin@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!

•Needed for F3: Flashlights!

Do you have any medium or large flashlights at home? The kids at F3 are exploring constellations during our science station on November 15th. If you are willing to lend your flashlights for the evening, please contact Laura Jonker at arckidsmin@gmail.com. We need approximately 12 total. All flashlights will be returned next week. Thank you!

•Advent Adornment—Sunday, November 26, 2017

'Tis the season to bedeck the halls, the windows, and the walls. Please join us for our Advent Adornment on **Sunday, November 26, 2017**. We will begin at 4:00 P.M. decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season followed by a meal together and some carols in the sanctuary. Bring the whole family and stay as long as you can. There will be decorating for kids as well as adults, and lots of festive music playing while we work together. Sandwich supplies will be provided. We ask for you to bring a finger food side or dessert to share. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we have an accurate count for food. If you have any questions, contact Rosalyn De Koster @ arcyouthmin@gmail.com.

•Membership at American Reformed Church

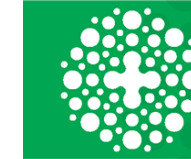
What does it mean to be a member? How do I learn more about the beliefs, ministries, and leadership structure of ARC? Is membership for me? How do I become a member of ARC?

We explore these questions and more in our *Discovering American* class. Although the next *Discovering American* class will not start meeting until after the new year, plans are underway. If you are interested in receiving information about this opportunity as details are finalized, please contact Pastor Elizabeth at elizabetharcoc@gmail.com to indicate interest. In the meantime, if you have any questions about American Reformed Church, the pastors welcome your calls and emails.

Participating in Worship

The Congregation
Julia Huisman
Pam Anderson, Bethany Dykstra, Laura Jonker,
Katie Kensak, Mary Schram, and Jeff Tolsma
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
Sanctuary Choir
Philip De Koster, Director
Alyssa Daun, Accompanist

Serving the Lord in Worship
Organist
Praise Team
Leading in Worship
Offertory



Twenty-Third Sunday
after Pentecost
November 12, 2017

flourish

"...a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree."

Proverbs 11:28, *The Message*



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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 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" – Busarow/Bish
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- *SONG OF WORSHIP "Our God Is Here"
- *GOD'S GREETING
- *SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
- SONG OF CONFESSION "O Great God"
- ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS 1 Timothy 1:15 & 1 Peter 2:24
Hear the good news:
the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.**
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD OF GOD

- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit out the sanctuary doors
to meet Children & Worship (C & W) leaders. Leaders will take
the children directly to their Sunday school classrooms
following the service. Children who do not attend C & W are wel-
come to use the worship bags by the elevator during the service.*
- *SONG OF PREPARATION "As We Seek Your Face"
- SCRIPTURE John 3:16
- SERMON "Flourish: Sacrificial Giving"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

INSTALLATION OF ELDER WANDA KORTHALS

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**

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

- OFFERTORY "Life Tree"
- *DOXOLOGY #809
- GENEROSITY TESTIMONY Benjamin & Sherri Langton
- *SONG OF RESPONSE #213 "When I Survey"
w. 1, 2, & 3
- *BENEDICTION
- *SENDING SONG #213 "When I Survey"
v. 4
- *POSTLUDE

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Praying for God's People

We offer prayers of sympathy and support for **Marv & Fran and Patrick Muilenburg** in the death of Marv's brother, **Cliff Muilenburg**, of Littleton, Colorado. Cliff passed away on Wednesday, November 8. Cliff is a former member of American Reformed Church. Please uphold the Muilenburg family in your prayers. Pray that Christ's comfort and peace will surround them as they grieve.

Expresses Thanks

"Recently I received a letter from Char Ten Clay, Director of Senior Care Services, stating that the Meals on Wheels program was discontinuing this month. Participation in the meals program has steadily been declining since the peak in 2014. I thank each of you that has been a faithful volunteer over the past several years for assisting with meal delivery program. YOU are appreciated."

...Bonnie Meier

Events for today

10:45-12:00 Noon Flourish Celebration Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
Nursery care and a supervised children's party will be provided for children 5th grade and under.

12:00 Noon-6:00 PM Flourish Prayer Vigil (Fireside Room #202)
The prayer vigil aim is that the ministry of ARC will flourish in whatever ways God is leading us. A list of those signed up to pray is posted on the Fireside Room door.

4:40 PM Leaps of Faith Practice (Grades 4-12) in the sanctuary

6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group in the HSY Room.

Events for this Week

Monday, November 13

9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates

Come to the ARC Nursery on Monday mornings for an informal play-time and fellowship with parents and young children. Questions? Please contact Laura Genade, Coordinator (lgenade@gmail.com).

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

1:30PM Weekly Faith Sharing Group (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

6:30 PM Deacons' Meeting (Room 204)

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting (Room 201)

7:45 PM Consistory Meeting (Room 204)

Wednesday, November 15

11:30 AM ARC Seniors will be meeting for lunch at the OC Pizza Ranch. Questions? Please contact Marilyn Jiskoot (737-4041).

6:15-7:30 PM F3 ("Fuel for Faith") for children in 1st-5th grades

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

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6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Location: Middle School Youth Room - Rm 110 (lower level)