

## Events for Today

10:30-10:45 AM

Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.  
Hands of Praise (Grade 2-5) in the fellowship hall.  
Children & Worship Music Time (ages 3-1st grade) in Room 111

10:45-11:30 AM

Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-12th Grades (Lower Level)

Discipleship Classes for Adults:

- 1) **Jesus is ... According to the Gospel of John** (Room #204)  
Facilitators: Paul Bartlett & Eric Elder
- 2) **ARC Diversity in Vocation** (Fireside Room #202)  
Facilitator: Jeff Tolsma

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 6

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](mailto: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)

### Wednesday, November 8

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

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

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

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

### •Advent Adornment

'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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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Twenty-Second Sunday  
after Pentecost  
November 5, 2017

# flourish

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

Proverbs 11:28, *The Message*



# THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE “Be Still, My Soul and Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
Arr. by Chris Rice

\*SONG OF WORSHIP “Come People of the Risen King”  
*Accompanied by Hands of Praise*

\*GOD’S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation,  
**we often find ourselves living under the shadows of scarcity  
assuming there is not enough money, time, talent, or love.  
We hold tightly to these gifts you have given.  
We pretend we have earned them.  
We even believe we are entitled to them.  
And we fail to see the truth that all we have  
and all we are comes from your abundance.  
Our blindness to this truth leads us  
to ignore the possibilities you have placed before us and  
to squander the opportunities we have  
to live out the generosity you have displayed.**

*Please use this time of silence for personal confession.*

Merciful God,  
**forgive us when we doubt your abundance,  
and open our eyes to the possibilities and opportunities before us  
so that we may join in your redemptive work in the world. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Insert “Behold the Lamb”

# 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 welcome to use the worship  
bags by the elevator during the service.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION #447 “Seek Ye First”

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:25-33

SERMON *Flourish: Choosing Sufficiency Over Scarcity*

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all that is seen and unseen,  
you spoke the world into being and breathed into us the breath of  
life. When we turned away from you, you remained faithful  
delivering us from captivity and making covenant to be with us.  
You gave us witnesses throughout all of history to remind us of  
this faithfulness. Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with  
choirs of angels, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the  
faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of  
your name.

*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.**

Out of your great love for the world you made, you sent Jesus  
Christ as a sign of your grace so that the world you spoke into  
being may be reconciled to you. Remembering this great sacrifice,  
we offer ourselves as partners in your redemptive work  
proclaiming together:

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

In the breaking of bread and the sharing of this cup, renew in us  
the gift of faith by the power of your Spirit. Bind us to one another  
and to Christ as we join your reconciling work in the world. Yet, we  
wait expectantly for the day of ultimate reconciliation when all  
wrongs are made right and the world is renewed in the fullness of  
time.

**Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

And all God’s people said . . . amen.

COMMUNION

*This morning we will remain seated to receive communion. Our  
communion celebration is gluten free. Children are welcome to  
share in communion at the discretion of parents/guardians.*

*As the bread is served, those who would like prayers for healing  
may come forward for anointing of oil and prayer.*

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
Arr. by Chris Rice

\*DOXOLOGY #809

GENEROSITY TESTIMONY Ron Juffer

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #644 “God Whose Giving...”  
vs. 1 & 2  
*sung to Beach Spring #578*

\*BENEDICTION

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #644 “God Whose Giving...”  
v. 3

\*POSTLUDE “Toccatina in C” J. S. Bach

*All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*

## Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Pam Anderson	Organist
Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw,	Praise Team
Jenn Lambert, Teresa Sampson,	
Daniel Tolsma, Tom Truesdell	
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Gail Marincovich	Children’s Message

## Praying for God’s People

**\*Betty Ferrell** in the death of her sister, Carol Hoppe, on Sunday, Octo-  
ber 29.

## Announcements

### •NEXT week, Sunday, November 12

**10:45-12:00 Noon Flourish Celebration Brunch** (Fellowship Hall)

In celebration of American Reformed Church's past, present, and future, you are cordially invited for brunch. Nursery care and a supervised children's party will also be held during the brunch for all children 5th grade and younger. All children 6th grade and older are encouraged to attend the church brunch. .

### •FLOURISH PRAYER VIGIL

Prayer nourishes a God-shaped life—and a God-shaped congregation. As we explore how God wants us to flourish as a church family, you're invited to participate in a Flourish campaign prayer vigil, taking place Sunday, Nov. 12, after our all-church brunch. The prayer vigil aim is to have at least one person praying at all times between noon and 6 p.m., so we're asking anyone interested in contributing the gift of prayer to sign up for a 15-minute time slot. You can sign up as individuals, couples, families or small groups. The prayer vigil will take place in the Fireside Room. You can sign up by contacting Flourish Inspiration Team chairperson Bonnie Kaericher ([bonniek@premieronline.net](mailto:bonniek@premieronline.net) or 712-441-4928) to let her know what time(s) you are available between noon and 6 p.m. on Nov. 12. She will assign you a time when you may be at church to pray that the ministry of ARC will flourish in whatever ways God is leading us.

### •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](mailto:arckidsmin@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!