

Dates to Know

TODAY, October 21
 During Worship Children & Worship
 10:45–11:30AM Sunday School
 4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice (Sanctuary)
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (HSY Room)

Wednesday, October 24
 6:15–7:30PM F3 (1st to 4th Grade)*
 6:15–7:30PM MGYG (5th to 8th Grade)
 *Bring your Sparkhouse Bible if you have one at home.
 If you don't remember, NO BIG DEAL! We'll share!

Sunday, October 28
 During Worship Children & Worship
 10:45–11:30AM Sunday School
 4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice (Sanctuary)
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group

Where does my kid go?

LL=Lower Level; UL=Upper Level

Primary Grade Sunday School

PreK to Kinder LL Room 112
 1st & 2nd LL Room 101
 3rd & 4th LL Room 105

Mid-Grade Sunday School

5th & 6th UL Room 201
 7th & 8th LL Room 109

High School Sunday School

9th–12th LL Room 107

NEAR FUTURE DATES

Wed. Oct. 31
 No F3 & No MGYG

Wed. Nov. 7 5:30–6:15PM
 Last 2018 Family Meal Night

Sun. Nov. 11 10:45–11:15AM
 All-Ages Choir Practice

Sun. Nov. 18 10:45–11:15AM
 All-Ages Choir Practice

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

All Children

Year Round

pick up & drop off by elevator

Nursery

Birth–3YO

Upper Level: #203

Year Round

9:15–11:30 AM

Children & Worship

3YO–1st Grade

Lower Level: #103 Upper Level: #201

Sept. 9 – May 5

after children's message*

*Leaders take children to their Sunday school room after C&W music time. They may be picked up @ 11:30AM from their Sunday school room. Children may also be picked up earlier when

C&W music time ends @ 10:50AM (LL Room 111).

Participating in Worship

The Congregation
 Julia Huisman
 Sharon Bartlett, Marlene De Zeeuw, Doug De Zeeuw,
 Tamara Fynaardt Jenn Lambert
 Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
 Benjamin Langton

Serving the Lord in Worship
 Organist
 Praise Team

Leading in Worship
 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 anytime.

But...remember...you belong beyond membership.

◆ **BUILDING & OFFICE HOURS**

DAY	BUILDING HOURS	OFFICE HOURS
Sunday	7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Closed
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM*	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
*From 3:00 - 5:00 PM only upper level door is open		
Wednesday	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Closed Friday Afternoon
**From 12:00 - 5:00 PM only upper level door is open		
Saturday	Closed	Closed

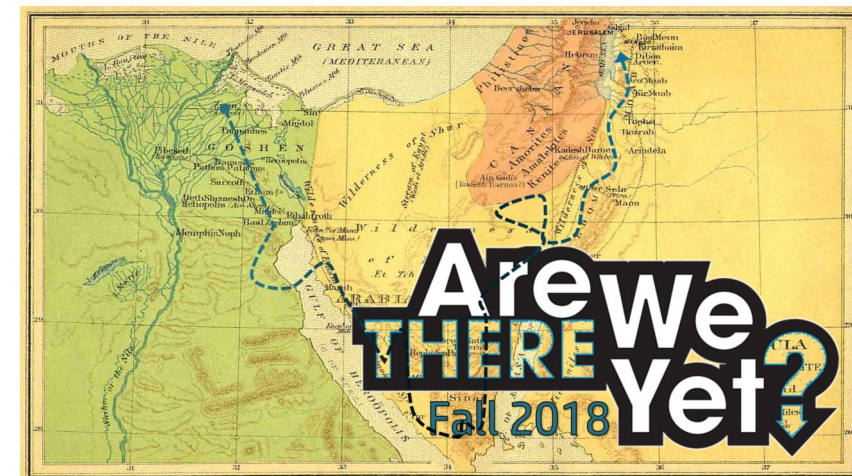


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THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress" - arr. Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Come to Us"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

CALL TO CONFESSION "O Come to the Altar"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The story of a long-ago people reminds us that from the beginning, you have welcomed the homeless, the landless, the wanderer, the stranger.
We are modern-day recipients of this divine welcome. Yet, now that we have been given homes to live in, buildings to worship in, and lands to defend, and now that we have a place in a community and a country, perhaps we have too easily forgotten our beginnings. We have forgotten that we *come from* a people who had nothing, no one, and nowhere to call their own until you claimed them as yours.
We have forgotten that we *are* a people who have nothing, no one, and nowhere to call our own without your claim on us.

Open our eyes to the stranger—
the one who has no home,
the one who has no place to belong,
the one who has not been welcomed,
the one who continues to wander.
And with open eyes, convict us into action through the power of your Spirit and by the example of Jesus, in whose name we pray . . . amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit the sanctuary doors to meet Children & Worship leaders. Children are also welcome to remain with their families in worship.
Worship bags are by the elevator.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
lyrics on screen

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 10:12-19

SERMON "Are we there yet? A different kind of stranger danger"

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 "Faith of Our Fathers" - arr. Krapf

*DOXOLOGY #809
Please stand and sing when the organ begins playing.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Insert—verses 1, 2 & 4 "All Are Welcome"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #60—*Refrain only* "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*POSTLUDE "God of Grace" - arr. Manz

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Young? Old? In-between? And do you like to sing? Join the All-Ages Choir!

The building renovation is giving us an opportunity to try something new! Due to the upcoming shut-down of the lower level, Sunday school will be taking a hiatus November 11 through Christmas. In place of S.S., EVERYONE is invited to an intergenerational choir experience. The choir will practice and prepare a piece that will be sung in worship on December 9.

WHO: Anyone 3 to 103*

WHEN: Practice—November 11, 18, 25; 10:45–11:15AM
Worship—December 9

WHERE: the ARC Sanctuary

*Children will also be practicing a piece of this song in C&W music time and are encouraged to participate in this all-ages opportunity.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayers of Blessing:

*Rosalyn De Koster, Daniel Den Boer, and Laura Jonker, attending intensives for their Master of Divinity program at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, October 22-26

Prayers for Peace:

*Ron Kolenbrander (uncle of Sara & Kevin Huyser) – in hospice care at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital

Prayers for Protection:

*Dwayne Tiedeman, son-in-law of Al & Sandy Nibbelink, serving with the armed forces in Afghanistan

EVENTS FOR TODAY

10:30-10:45 Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area directly behind the sanctuary.

10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Classes for All Ages

Adult Classes include:

◆SURPRISED BY HOPE - Video Series (UL Room #202)

Facilitator: Julie Elliott

◆BIBLE STUDY: 1 THESSALONIANS (UL Room #204)

Facilitator: Paul Bartlett

4:40-5:45 PM Leaps of Faith Rehearsal in the sanctuary.

6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group (HSY Room)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 24

For information on Kids & Youth Ministries, see back of bulletin!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆THE ESCAPE THE COMING NIGHT (book by David Jeremiah) class will begin on Sunday, November 4—10:45-11:30 AM

Facilitator: Keith Hoskins

Please order/purchase your book from a bookstore or online from Amazon.

◆WORSHIP WITH AMISTAD CRISTIANA ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

ARC members are invited to worship with Amistad Cristiana (Spanish for Christian Friendship) at 4:30 PM next Sunday, October 28 at 130 3rd St NW in Sioux Center. Translation headsets are available. Experience the diversity of the Church right here in Sioux County.

◆DONATE SHOES TO SOLES4SOULS

ARC has partnered with Village Northwest Unlimited in Sheldon and Soles4Souls by collecting new and gently used shoes. Bring your shoes and place them in the Soles4Souls Collection Box on the lower level of ARC on or before Sunday, November 4th, (

