

ACCEPTANCE
+
GRACE
+
WISDOM
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LOVE

STUFF TO KNOW...
kids & youth
MINISTRIES

Where does my kid go?

LOWER LEVEL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

Primary Grade Sunday School

PreK to Kinder Room 111
1st & 2nd Room 101
3rd & 4th Room 105

Mid-Grade Sunday School

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

High School Sunday School

9th–12th Grade Room

PARENT-TEACHER
MEET & GREET
OPEN HOUSE
NEXT SUNDAY

your child's classroom - 10:35-10:50PM

Dates to Know

Next Sunday, September 9

During Worship Children & Worship STARTS
10:35–10:50AM Sunday School Open House
10:45–11:30AM Sunday School STARTS
5:30–7:00PM Meet Ben. Eat Smores. (MSYG)
6:30–8:30PM Hi. School Youth Group STARTS (HSYG)

Wednesday, September 12

5:30 – 6:15PM Family Meal Night
6:15 – 7:30PM Fuel For Faith STARTS (F3)
6:15 – 7:30PM Mid-Grade Youth Group (MCGY) STARTS

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

9:15–10:45 AM*

*Sept. 9 hours extend to 11:30AM for parents/guardians who teach or attend an adult class.

Children & Worship

3YO–1st Grade
Lower Level: #103 & 111

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 (room 111).

◆BUILDING & OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2

The church office and building will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day holiday.

DAY	BUILDING HOURS	OFFICE HOURS
Sunday, Sept. 2	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Closed
Monday, Sept. 3	Closed for Labor Day Holiday	Closed for Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, Sept. 4 - Thursday, Sept. 6	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		
Friday, Sept. 7	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, Sept. 8	Closed	Closed



15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2018



Majoring in the Minors
a look at the minor prophets - summer 2018



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
God's name is great.
Great among the nations.
God's name is great among the nations.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
God's name is great among the nations.

*SONG OF WORSHIP

"By Faith"

*GOD'S GREETING

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Not in Me"

*Following the song, there will be a brief time of silence
for personal reflection and confession.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Worship activity bags for children to use during worship may be
picked up near the elevator. Nursery is available for children under 3.
Children & Worship (3YO–1st grade) begins again next week.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION

#135 "Come, Thou Long-Expected..."

SCRIPTURE

Malachi, various verses

SERMON

"Majoring in the Minors: Malachi"

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 is world renewed in the fullness of
time. **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, you are also welcome to 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

*DOXOLOGY #809

Please stand when the organ begins playing.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #558 "Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling" verses 1-3

*BENEDICTION

*SONG OF RESPONSE #558 "Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling" verse 4

*POSTLUDE

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Ben Jacobsma	Organist
Rosalyn DeKoster, John Hubers.	Praise Team
Mary Schram, Jeff Tolsma, and Kim Van Es	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Jeff Tolsma	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
mikearcoc@gmail.com).

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

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*Pray for military service personnel **Dwaine Tiedeman**, son-in-law of **Al & Sandy Nibbelink**, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 2

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center (Grandview Cottage 3 Dining Room) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt (707-4600).

Wednesday, September 5

2:00 PM Ruth Circle Meeting (Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room)
Lesson 6: Romans 5:12-6:14
Leader: Arlene Punt



CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF FALL WITH A POTLUCK

Come one, come all! Let's gather to celebrate the beginning of fall!

What: Church Potluck

When: Sunday, September 9th beginning at 11:45 AM

Where: Fellowship Hall

How: Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share. The ovens will be on to warm/ cook items. Cold dishes may be put in the fridge. Table service and beverage will be provided.



Adult Discipleship

OPPORTUNITIES

FALL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16—OCTOBER 21
10:45 – 11:30AM

◆ SURPRISED BY HOPE - Video Series

Facilitator: Julie Elliott

Location: Fireside Room (202)

Many Christians believe our future in heaven is all that really matters. But that's not what the Bible teaches. In this six-session small group DVD study, premier Bible scholar N. T.

◆ BIBLE STUDY: 1 THESSALONIANS

Facilitator: Paul Bartlett

Location: International Room (201)

This letter to the Thessalonians is one of the Apostle Paul's earliest letters. Paul spent a short period of time in Thessalonica during his second mission trip.

~ FLEXIBLE BOOK STUDY OPTIONS
SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Not always available Sunday morning? Then consider the Flexible Book Study Options! The facilitator of each discussion group will contact those who sign up to determine the best time to meet, number of sessions, and location. These groups are a great engage deeper conversations and relationships with others.

ESCAPE THE COMING NIGHT

- by David Jeremiah

Facilitator: Keith Hoskins

RESPECTFUL LGBT CONVERSATIONS:

SEEKING TRUTH, GIVING LOVE, AND MODELING CHRISTIAN UNITY

- by Harold Heie

Facilitator: Harold Heie

THE SIN OF CERTAINTY:

WHY GOD DESIRES OUR TRUST MORE THAN OUR "CORRECT BELIEFS"

- by Peter Enns

Facilitator: Steve Mahr

STRONG & WEAK: EMBRACING A LIFE OF LOVE, RISK, & TRUE FLOURISHING

by Andy Crouch

Facilitator: Kevin McMahan

Note: An ARC Adult Discipleship brochure with further details of each class is in each family mailbox and at the Welcome Center.