

## Events for this Week

### Monday, September 25

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

Need a change of scenery? Tired of playing with the same toys every day? 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.

### Wednesday, September 27

#### 6:15-7:30 PM

F3 ("Fuel for Faith") for children in 1st-5th grades

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

#### Middle School Youth Group

Location: MS Youth Room (Lower Level)

## Announcements

### Are you fluent in a language other than English?

On October 1 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. We would like to incorporate 2 to 4 other languages in the service. If you are fluent in a language other than English and willing to participate in the service, please contact Pastor Elizabeth for more information. You can contact her by sending an email to [elizabetharcoc@gmail.com](mailto:elizabetharcoc@gmail.com) or calling 712-737-4430. Or just grab her after worship to express interest.

### Volunteers are needed to help with the F3 meal on Wed., Oct. 4.

Please contact Cindy Cleveringa, 712-449-5555 or Sue Mulder 712-395-0795. Thank you!



### Dishing Out ARC Nostalgia

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to pick up previously used stoneware dishes and tableware from the ARC kitchen, on a first-come, first-served basis. Bread and butter dishes have an ARC monogram; please take as many as you would like! Make your freewill donation for the dishware to the church office (suggested donation at least \$1 per piece).

### Are you a Talker, Taster...or both?

No matter what you prefer, Talk n' Taste is for you! Gather with an inter-generational dinner group of 3-4 families from ARC once a month to share a meal and conversation in each other's homes. This is a great way to get to know new people, try new dishes and spend time with the ARC family outside of worship! All ages and life stages are encouraged to join. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the next few weeks. Participants will be divided into groups and then encouraged to set up their own schedules for future dinner gatherings. The talkin' and tastin' will start in October! Questions? Don Vander Wel, [wvtulips@orangecitycomm.net](mailto:wvtulips@orangecitycomm.net)

### Local Service Opportunity at ATLAS in Orange City

Service project on Saturday, September 30th from 9-11 AM. Light indoor cleaning and gardening. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. For questions please contact Laura Genade ([lgenade@gmail.com](mailto:lgenade@gmail.com) or 712-441-6882).

### Reminder: Hurricane Harvey Relief—Special Offering

Please make your check payable to American Reformed Church and write, "Hurricane Harvey Relief" in the memo line of your check. Place your check in the offering plate, drop off your check in the church office, or mail your check to the church. The deacons will combine these gifts and will send one check to the RCA for Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts at the end of September. You can read more about the RCA's efforts regarding this, please go to: <https://www.rca.org/news/global-mission-seeks-help-hurricane-harvey-response>.

### Shoes for Soles4Souls



Once again, ARC has partnered with Village Northwest Unlimited in Sheldon and Soles4Souls by collecting new and gently used shoes. Soles4Souls currently distributes shoes in 125 countries and is distributing a pair of shoes every 9 seconds. Bring your shoes and place them in the Village Northwest Unlimited/Soles4Souls Collection Box on the lower level of ARC. (NOTE: Please put a rubber band around each pair of shoes before placing it in the collection box.) Should you have any questions, please contact Keith Hoskins at 737-4127.

### Good, used child and adult winter clothing...



(coats, scarves, hats, boots, gloves and mittens) for the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls, SD can be placed in the wood collection box located on the lower level of ARC.



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Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
September 24, 2017

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The Core Four



# THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation, Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
Arr. Chris Rice

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

\*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who pours out grace upon grace,  
**we confess that our hands are clenched-**  
open them with your welcome and acceptance, O God.  
**We confess that our feet are planted too firmly-**  
empower us with your grace  
to go into the places you are already at work, O God.  
**We confess that our minds are closed-**  
free us from the bonds of ignorance  
to make space for your wisdom, O God.  
**We confess that our hearts are hard-**  
soften them with your love, O God.

**We seek your mercy in our lives, O God,  
that we may release the sin that separates us from you  
in order to become more and more like you  
as we give witness to the grace of your transforming presence.  
In Jesus' name, we pray . . . amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "Stronger"

# 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

"Our God is Here"

SCRIPTURE

John 1:14, 16-18

SERMON

*The Core Four: Grace*

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.*

OFFERTORY

"How Firm a Foundation"

\*DOXOLOGY

#809

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**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

#502

"Amazing Grace"

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG

"All Are Welcome"  
v. 2

\*POSTLUDE

"Toccatina in C"  
J.S. Bach

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

## Participating in Worship

The Congregation  
Pam Anderson  
Sharon Bartlett, Cindy Cleveringa,  
Rosalyn De Koster, Doug De Zeeuw,  
Marlene De Zeeuw, Jenn Lambert,  
and Tom Truesdell  
Kim Van Es  
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman  
Sanctuary Choir  
Philip De Koster  
Alyssa Daun

Serving the Lord in Worship  
Organist  
Praise Team

Children's Message  
Leading in Worship  
Offertory  
Director  
Accompanist

## We remember in our prayers:

**Lucille Wierda**, who is hospitalized at the Orange City Area Health System and is expected to be transferred to a care center later this week. Pray for her health and strength, pray for her transition, and pray for her children (Jerry and Judy) as they support her throughout.

**Phyllis De Haan**, who remains a patient at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital with fluid on her heart. Pray for her healing, and pray for Stan as he travels back and forth to support Phyllis.

**Russ Krull**, who was dismissed from the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System Hospital on Tuesday afternoon. Russ is continuing IV antibiotics at home for the next few weeks to bring healing to his foot. Pray for the antibiotics to be successful, for patience for Russ in this time of waiting, and for strength for Barb as she cares for him.

**Renee Vogel**, whose knee replacement surgery (originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 19) was postponed until next Tuesday, September 26. Pray for patience and encouragement for Renee and Jane as they await the procedure.

We offer prayers of celebration along with **Marie Bouma** in the recent marriage of her daughter. **Melissa (Bouma) & Joe Bailey** were married on Friday, September 22, in Glenwood, Iowa. Pray that God will richly bless their marriage.

## Events for Today

**10:30-10:45 AM**

**Coffee Fellowship** in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.  
**Hands of Praise** (2nd-5th grade) in 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** (Genesis Room #204)  
Facilitators: Paul Bartlett & Eric Elder  
2) **ARC Diversity in Action: Gender—1 of 2 sessions**  
(Fireside Room #202)  
Facilitator: Sara Tolsma

**4:40 PM Leaps of Faith Practice** in the sanctuary

*Please bring socks or dance shoes and wear comfortable clothes.*

**6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group** @ the Lamberts  
(1002 Seventh Street NW, Orange City)