



WELCOME TO THE ARLINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Welcome! We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ that exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We seek to fulfill this mission by loving God, loving one another, and loving our neighbors:

We are a church that seeks to love God with all our thoughts, feelings, and actions. We love our heavenly Father because he first loved us and sent his only Son to reconcile us to himself and to each other.

We are a church that seeks to love one another, just as Jesus loved us and gave himself for us—vulnerably, sacrificially, patiently, and honestly. We pray for, serve, and encourage one another in Christ.

We are a church that seeks to love our neighbors as ourselves. Following the Holy Spirit, we promote the welfare of our neighborhood and proclaim the good news about Jesus in our communities.

*Ring in
the New
Year*

**LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY
JANUARY 3, 2021**

TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAM

Message: Michael Ackerbauer, PhD
Music: Sheryl Wheeler, Lexi Johnson, Jerry Canaday
Readers: Cynthia Canaday
Greeters: Josie Sahawaeh, Matt Sahawaeh

WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:45am Intercessory and Personal Prayer in the Conference Room (limit of 6 individuals)
11:00am Worship Service (Lord's Supper 1st Sunday)
Now: Studying through the Gospel of John Resumes in January/February:
Nursery
Kids' Church
Snack Fellowship following service

Wednesday

7pm Evening Fellowship ZOOM Meeting
Relax in your own space, call in, check in, have a topical discussion, pray (info on how to connect is on the website)

Thursday

6pm ARC Worship Team Practice

As Announced Throughout the Year

Bible studies, community and churchwide breakfasts, brunches and holiday meals, "Primetime" worship and lunch events, social, recreational and holiday events, children's programs.



TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please remember to silence your cellphone. Please stand during singing if you wish. **Bold** words in the service indicates your part in the worship.*

GATHER AND DRAW NEAR

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Special Music for Personal Prayer and Preparation

Words of Assurance

Call to Worship

Song of Adoration "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:10-14

Song of Praise "Because He Lives(Amen)"

Prayers of Intercession w/Lord's Prayer

Song of Approach "Goodness of God"

Peace Greeting

GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading and Sermon

Prayer for the Hearers

Lord's Supper

RESPOND

Parting Song "The Blessing"

Sending Benediction

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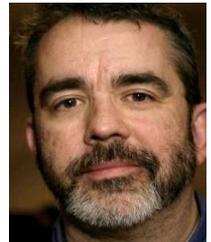
Pastors Gallo and Ackerbauer have been preaching at Arlington Reformed Church since late 2019. They are huge blessing to our church.

PASTOR FRANK GALLO - Frank has been an Ordained Minister since 2011 serving at Changepoint Church. Pastor Frank had also served as a worship leader and led a Recovery Outreach ministry since 2007. This ministry conducts a weekly bible study and church service at a treatment facility in Dutchess County. Frank's passion is to communicate God's grace and mercy to those outside and inside of the Church. Frank is married to Shari and they live in Poughkeepsie. Frank additionally works as an insurance appraiser. You can find recorded Bible messages and music if you contact his Facebook page, "Frank G Midnight-Pastor Gallo"



PASTOR MIKE ACKERBAUER, PhD-

Michael is married with adult children and has a year old granddaughter. Michael has lived in Dutchess county for 31 years. He was born upstate in Johnstown, then lived in Alaska for a few years, where his mother and he became Christians. They returned to New York to help start the church now known as Changepoint. Vocationally, Michael is a leadership development consultant and Agile coach as well as an associate pastor at Changepoint. Together these roles align as they involve teaching, which is Michael's truest passion. Michael recently received his PhD, which he plans to use as he ministers in the church and community.



CHURCH INFORMATION



SUNDAY MORNING SERIES

On Sunday mornings we are studying in the Gospel of John together with Pastors Frank Gallo and Michael Ackerbauer, Ph.D. Recorded messages of each week can be found on the church website under "The Gospel of John."

OFFERINGS

The plates at the front of the sanctuary are for your financial offerings. The smooth running of the church and our outreach into the community depends on the financial offerings of the church family along with the building use income we receive. We appreciate your contributions.

SAFE COVID-19 CHURCH PRACTICES

Please read the flier on the console table by the door about the steps we all need to take to continue to have a safe and welcoming worship service each week.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Church is rarely cancelled due to early wintery weather. If we are advised to stay off the roads, or there is a severe storm or one is imminent, we will cancel service. If we need to cancel, there will be a message on the church answering machine and on the website by 10am-so be sure to call or check out the website before heading out into uncertain weather.

CONSISTORY (CHURCH BOARD)

Cynthia Canaday	845-546-1634
Dawn Kostenko	845-546-6093
Ann Veeder	845-546-3286
Jerry Canaday	845-444-0477
Bruce Barnes	845-456-0134
Shahla Tariq	845-224-1726

We welcome your questions or suggestions.

Consistory Meeting minutes and reports are available in the office

GATHER AND DRAW NEAR

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

PERSONAL PRAYER AND PREPARATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of the congregation, it is time to celebrate new beginnings.

All: We step into the new year with faith!

Leader: People of faith, it is time to look ahead in hope.

All: We step into the unknown with hope!

Leader: People of hope, it is time to walk in all that God has for us in 2021.

All: We step forward together as God's family!

SONG OF ADORATION "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the
night, hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:10b-14a

SONG OF PRAISE

"Because He Lives(Amen)"

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome, By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen, amen, I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen, Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave,
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives every fear is gone
I know He holds my life, My future in His hand

Because He lives

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SONG OF APPROACH:

“Goodness of God”

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me

PEACE GREETING

GOD'S WORD AND SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING, SERMON and PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER (Communion)

The Lord's Supper that we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come remembering that our Lord Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled the law, even to death on the cross.

Because of God's eternal covenant of grace, we are accepted. We will never be forsaken. We come to commune with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always. Christ is the true Bread which nourishes us and the Vine in whom we must live if we are to bear fruit. The Holy Spirit unites us into one body and in communion with all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. So we receive this supper in Christ's love and our affection for one another.

All: We come together to participate in the life of Jesus Christ, to take the bread and to drink the juice as we remember what he taught us, how He sacrificed for us and to remind ourselves of His return

Lord, our hearts can be filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love, You did not abandon us in the dark and fearful places of this world, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

All: And all who are lost, all who are tired and burdened, all who are frightened and unsafe, all who are sick and broken, can come and find new life as we your children have.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us His love: On the night he was betrayed, He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

All: "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying,

ALL: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And now, every time we eat bread like this, and every time we drink juice like this, we remember Jesus, how he lived, how he taught us to live, His everlasting love. As we eat this

bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he returns for His church. We share the bread and the cup together now:

Sharing the Bread

(we take the bread together)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. Eat and remember.

Sharing the Cup

(we take the cup together)

The cup which we drink is the communion of the blood of Christ. Drink and remember.

And in communion as brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray together, the prayer the Lord has taught us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, AMEN

RESPOND

PARTING SONG:

"The Blessing"

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you, and give you peace

Chorus

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family, and your children, and their children
And their children

May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you, All around you, and within you, He is with you, he is with you

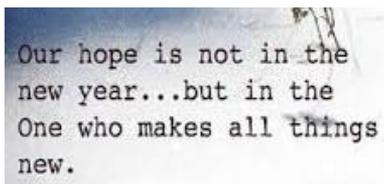
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going, In your weeping and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you,

CLOSING PRAYER AND SENDING BENEDICTION

PRAYER NEEDS

- Those at home or in care with health issue: Karen Rugar, Chet & MaryLou Graves, Hugo Becker, Edith Tomlins, Wendy Bohlinger, Nettie Farrier, Pastor Ben LeFevre, Eleanor MacIsaac
- Jim Grass's brother, Bob, sick with viral illnesses.
- Marie Sitler, recovering from shingles.
- For our college students: Kara Lu, Lexi Johnson, Matt Sahawaeh, Mariam Tariq, and Briley Corbin
- Continued recovery for Pastor Michael Ackerbauer from the knee surgery he had the 14th
- Mary Ann Sorci and John Morse for the recent losses of their spouses.
- Our Classis and the Reformed Church in America
- The Arlington Reformed Church: its people, services, ministries, outreaches and 2021 programs
- Our local government officials, national leaders

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thess. 5:16-18)



Our hope is not in the
new year...but in the
One who makes all things
new.

LIFE



ARLINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

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RELAX AND MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME: Arlington Reformed Church is a diverse group of people, a congregation transformed and gathered by the grace of our loving Lord, offering new life and hope through the love of God and the life and teaching of Jesus.

CHILDREN: When we are able again, on Sundays, care is provided for children aged 5 years and under in the nursery room. Children in K-5th grades can participate in "Kids Church" where they have a Bible lesson, make an art project or a craft, learn cooking skills while making nutritional snacks to serve to all after service, or participate in a recreational activity.

LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE: Fill out the Welcome Card (found on the table in the hallway). Drop it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary for us-we appreciate this. You can also send us an email through the website or leave us a call.

STICK AROUND: When we are able, we have a Pot-Luck lunch or Snack Fellowship following every service. Get to know one another.

COME BACK: Grow in faith, connection, and in service to others.

GET INVOLVED: When we have them scheduled again, come to a Women's Bible Study or Brunch, a Men's Fellowship Meal or an All Church-Wide Pancake Breakfast as advertised. We have many other social and recreation events scheduled throughout the year-check out your bulletin, view the bulletin boards for upcoming events or visit the website. You can also find us on social media:

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