



# 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.



JANUARY 17, 2021

## TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAM

Message: Pastor Michael Ackerbauer, PhD  
Music: Lexi Johnson, Jerry Canaday  
Reader: 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**

7:00pm 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. Stand during singing if you wish. **Bold** words in the service welcome your participation.*

### **GATHER AND DRAW NEAR**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Song of Adoration

"Here I Am to Worship"

Scripture Reading

*from* Isaiah 42

Song of Praise

"Goodness of God"

Prayer and Intercession w/Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance

Song of Approach

"Good Good Father"

Peace Greeting

### **GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading and Sermon

Prayer for the Hearers

### **RESPOND**

Parting Song "Amazing Grace(My Chains are Gone)"

Sending Prayer and Challenge

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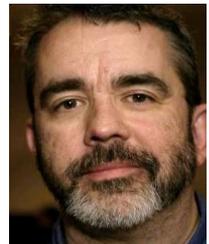
Pastors Gallo and Ackerbauer have been preaching at Arlington Reformed Church since late 2019. They are a huge blessing to our church.

**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.



## **SOME 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 inside the sanctuary door about the steps we all need to take to continue to have a safe and welcoming worship service each week.

### **NON PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION**

There are food bags at the console table inside the sanctuary door for canned and boxed food donations for Dutchess Outreach for the food insecure in our community. Help those who are hungry!

### **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
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Jerry Canaday	845-444-0477
Bruce Barnes	845-456-0134
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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**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 34*

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me;

**All: let us exalt his name together.**

Leader: Here we are to worship

**All: We worship His Holy name**

### **SONG OF ADORATION**

*"Here I am to Worship"*

**Light of the world,**

**You stepped down into darkness**

**Opened my eyes let me see, beauty that made**

**This heart adore You,**

**Hope of a life spent with You**

### **Chorus**

**So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down**

**Here I am to say that You're my God**

**And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy**

**Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted**

**Glorious in heaven above, humbly You came**

**To the earth You created,**

**All for love's sake became poor**

**And I'll never know how much it cost**

**To see my sin upon that cross (2X)**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

*from Isaiah 42:1-10*

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

“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**

## **PRAYER AND INTERCESSION W/LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.  
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land  
with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow**

**in true repentance when we offend you, and to reach out to others in love, peace and reconciliation. You are the God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead. Fill us with your perfect love which casts out all fear and bind us together in unity so that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen**

*Please offer your personal prayers in silence during music*

*Please join your hearts in prayers for others as I pray*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world. **Amen**

Guide the people of this land, and all of the nations, in the way of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. **Amen**

Bless all those whose lives are closely linked to ours, and grant that we may serve them in Christ's name, and love one another as Christ loves us. **Amen**

Comfort and heal all those on our prayer list and in this world who suffer in body, mind and spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. **Amen**

We are so grateful to have one another, Lord. As a church, lead us in your perfect will this new year and always. Thank you that as a family, as one body we can pray together as you have 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**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SONG OF APPROACH:** "Good Good Father"  
**I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone**

### **Chorus**

**You're a good good Father  
It's who You are, It's who You are,  
It's who You are. And I'm loved by You,  
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am**

**I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word**

### **Chorus**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us**

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still, Into love love love**

**Chorus**

**PEACE GREETING**

**GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING AND SERMON**

**PRAYER FOR THE HEARERS**

**RESPOND**

**PARTING SONG: "Amazing Grace(My Chains..)"  
Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed**

**Chorus**

**My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures**



## **Chorus**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine**

## **SENDING PRAYER AND CHALLENGE**

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### **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.
- Carol Barnes son, Steven, in the hospital with serious health issues.
- Marie Sitler, recovering from shingles.
- For our college students: Kara Lu, Lexi Johnson, Matt Sahawaeh, Mariam Tariq, and Briley Corbin
- 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)

# **LIFE AT ARLINGTON REFORMED CHURCH**

arlingtonreformedchurch.org

**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-5<sup>th</sup> 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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