



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.

March 28, 2021

TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAM

Message: Pastor Justin Sutka
Music: Jerry Canaday
Reader: Cynthia Canaday
Greeters: Josie Sahawaeh & Matt Sahawaeh

TYPICAL WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:45am Intercessory and Personal Prayer in the
Conference Room
11:00am Worship Service (Lord's Supper 1st Sunday)
Now Studying the Gospel of John

Hope & Prayers to resume this spring:
Nursery
Kids' Church
Snack Fellowship following service

Wednesday

6:00pm Zoom Meetings and alternately worship
fellowship meal to resume in April

Thursday

6:00pm ARC Worship Team Practice

WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

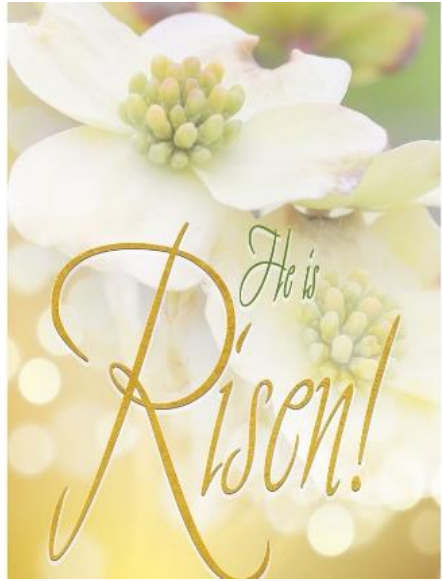
Each week, a service newsletter gets emailed on Friday or Saturday to anyone interested in receiving it. It includes information about Sunday's service and information about upcoming events. If you have an email address and would like to get the weekly newsletter, please see Cynthia.

Easter Sunday

April 4th:

11:00AM Easter
Celebration and
Communion
Service!

He is Risen!



Pastor Michael Ackerbauer, PhD brings a resurrection message, Sheryl Wheeler leads worship on piano.

Easter treats to go for all! Please invite your family and friends.



All are welcome!

UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

02-Good Friday Service

04-Easter Sunday Celebration and Communion Service

MAY

02-Lord's Supper Sunday

06-National Day of Prayer at ARC

09-Mother's Day Worship Service

23-Pentecost Celebration Sunday

23-Spring Walk at Innisfree Garden after Service

30-Memorial Day Remembrance Service



JUNE

06-Lord's Supper Sunday

16-Father's Day Worship Service

23-Kids Summer Program Begins

JULY

04-Lord's Supper Sunday

11-Spread Out! Summer Picnic (Location TBA)

28-A S May School Backpack Supply Drive Begins

1ST QUARTER CONGREGATION MEETING

We had a brief meeting following service on Sunday, March 14th. Pastor Frank Gallo stayed for the meeting and our Classis appointed supervisor, Rev Renee House was with us via phone. We had a 2020 in review, reviewed the budget for 2021, voted for the 2021 Consistory and handed out a 2021 Calendar of Events. Thank you to all who were able to attend and participate.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONSISTORY WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR TERMS TO SERVE AT ARC.

Elder: Dawn Kostenko: term to expire 12/2022

Elder: Ann Veeder: term to expire 12/2021

Deacon: Jerry Canaday: term to expire 12/2023

Deacon: Shahla Tariq: term to expire 12/2023

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 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!

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

PRAYER NEEDS

- Those at home or in care with health issue: Karen Rugar, Chet & MaryLou Graves, Hugo Becker, Edith Tomlins, Nettie Farrier, Eleanor MacIsaac
- Carol Barnes son, Steven, at home with serious health issues, including cancers
- Wendy Bohlinger is in Vassar with multiple health issues.
- Marie Sitler, recovering from shingles.
- Shahla Tariq's brother is recovering from heart surgery in Vassar
- For our college students: Kara Lu, Lexi Johnson, Matt Sahawaeh, Mariam Tariq
- Our Classis and the Reformed Church in America
- The Arlington Reformed Church: its people, services, ministries, outreaches and 2021 programs
- Our local, regional, and national and government leaders

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Order of Worship (liturgy) follows a three-part pattern:

1. **We gather and draw near to God**, with praise and with our personal and corporate confessions and prayers for others.
2. **God speaks to us a word of grace**, in Scripture, sermon, and sacrament (Lord's Supper).
3. **We respond to God** with gratitude & service, sent out to do His will.

**Scripture is the highest authority
on our faith and its practice.**

A Date to Reserve

There is a Memorial Service being planned for both Rev. Ben LeFevre (1933-2021) and Nancy Lefevre (1934-2019) for June 13th at 12pm following service.

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

Giving of the Palms/Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

About Palm Sunday

Call to Worship *from Zechariah 9 and Psalm 118*

Song of Praise "Hosanna"

Personal Prayer w/Assurance *from Psalm 118*

Song of Praise "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Intercession w/Lord's Prayer

Song of Approach "Better is One Day in Your Court"

Peace Greeting

GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading and Sermon

Prayer for the Hearers

RESPOND

Song of Response "Alleluia"

Sending Prayer and Challenge

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GATHER AND DRAW NEAR

GIVING OF THE PALMS/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

ABOUT PALM SUNDAY



CALL TO WORSHIP

from Zechariah 9 & Psalm 118

Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—even on a donkey's colt. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Let all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

With the Lord on our side, what can we fear?

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

SONG OF PRAISE

"Hosanna"

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

**Lord we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted Oh Lord My God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

**Lord we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted Oh Lord My God,
glory to the King of kings!**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the Highest!
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the highest!
Lord we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted Oh Lord our God, hosanna in the highest!**

PERSONAL PRAYER AND ASSURANCE

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips but may follow him in the way of the cross with changed lives because of his sacrifice and love for us.

Personal prayer/special music

SONG OF PRAISE "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]**

INTERCESSION W/LORD'S PRAYER

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

SONG OF APPROACH "Better is One Day in Your Courts"
**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for you
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings**

Chorus

**Better is one day in your courts,
better is one day in your house
Better is one day in your courts
than thousands elsewhere**

**One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty
To find you in the place your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty
To find you in the place your glory dwells**

Chorus

PEACE GREETING

We take a time to offer a "wave" of peace to one another, as a way of saying "I am at peace with God, and at peace with you." Say good morning while you are at it!



GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING AND SERMON

PRAYER FOR THE HEARERS

RESPOND

RESPONSE SONG

**Alleluia alleluia, alleluia alleluia
Alleluia alleluia, alleluia alleluia**

**Lord we praise you, Lord we praise you
Lord we praise you, Lord we praise you
Lord we praise you, Lord we praise you
Lord we praise you, Lord we praise you**

**He is coming, alleluia
He is coming, alleluia
He is coming, alleluia
He is coming, alleluia**

**Hosanna hosanna, hosanna hosanna
Hosanna hosanna, hosanna coming Lord**

SENDING PRAYER AND CHALLENGE

Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,

We come to Christ this holy week.

Today is only a part of the story.

Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.

May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love. Amen.



“Alleluia”

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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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