

ARLINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Welcome to our Easter Service...He is Risen! We are glad you are here!

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.

Easter Sunday
Lord's Supper

April 4, 2021

TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAM

Message: Pastor Michael Ackerbauer, PhD
Music: Sheryl Wheeler & 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

Resuming this spring:
Nursery
Kids' Church
Snack Fellowship following service

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:00pm ARC Worship Team Practice

Children's Programs are being planned to resume in May

We are working to safely open Sunday nursery and children's ministry classes this spring.

The nursery room is available now for parents who need to take a child out for a change or a break.

The nursery is getting a make over this month!
Watch for updates!

UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

04-Easter Sunday Celebration and Communion Service
Mid-month Wednesday Fellowship Service and Meal (TBA)

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 Begin

Please call if you need prayer or would like a home visit. We have a prayer chain with very committed prayers. An elder can visit with you safely if you are shut-in at home.

Please visit the church website for all updated and added information on our calendar

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.

SOME CHURCH INFORMATION

SUNDAY MORNING SERIES

We resume studying the Gospel of John together with Pastors Frank Gallo and Michael Ackerbauer, Ph.D. on April 11th. Recorded messages of previous weeks 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

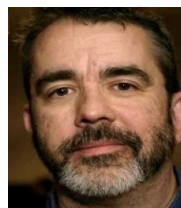
SUNDAY MESSAGES

Pastors Gallo, Ackerbauer and Sutka are pastors at Changepoint Church. They have been ministering with us at Arlington Reformed Church since 2019

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. 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. You can find Bible messages if you contact Pastor Michael's Facebook page, "Michael Ackerbauer" Michael recently received his PhD, which he plans to use as he ministers in the church and community.



PASTOR JUSTIN SUTKA-Justin Sutka is the lead pastor at Changepoint Church. He is married to Maribel and they have two beautiful young daughters. Justin feels blessed to have the opportunity to preach the gospel and to be used by God.



Hebrews 4:15-16 The message is called "Grace"

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 Opening Prayer

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Song of Praise "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Reading: Jesus is Led to be Crucified & Dies-Luke 23:32-46

Song of Worship "The Old Rugged Cross"

Reading: Witness, Burial & Empty Tomb-Luke 23:47-24:5

Song of Approach "Easter Hallelujah"

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading and Sermon He is Risen!

Prayer for Application

RESPOND

Song of Response "Because He Lives(Amen)"

Lord's Supper

Sending Song "I Will Rise"

Closing Prayer

- "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Charles Wesley
- "The Old Rugged Cross" George Bennard
- "Hallelujah (Easter)" Leonard Cohen
- "Because He Lives (Amen)" Chris Tomlin | Daniel Carson | Ed Cash | Gloria Gaither | Jason Ingram | Matt Maher | William J. Gaither
- "I Will Rise" Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Louie Giglio | Matt Maher

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GATHER AND DRAW NEAR
GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, give thanks to our God.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: God is our strength and might and salvation.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Because of this love, we shall not die.

P: This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that our God has made,

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SONG OF PRAISE "Christ the Lord Has Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!

where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

READING: Jesus-Led to be Crucified & Dies-Luke 23:32-46

SONG OF WORSHIP: "The Old Rugged Cross"

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.**

**Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.**

**In that old rugged cross,
stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.**

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.**

READING

The Witness, Burial and Empty Tomb-Luke 23:47-24:5

SONG OF APPROACH "Hallelujah"

**A crown of thorns placed on his head
He knew that He would soon be dead,
He said "Did you forget me, Father did you?"
They nailed him to a wooden cross**

**Soon all the world would feel the loss,
Of Christ the King before us Hallelujah.**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**He hung his head and prepared to die
Then lifted his face up to the sky,
Said "I am coming home now, Father to you."
A reed which held his final sip
Was gently lifted to his lips,
He drank his last and gave his soul to Glory.**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**The soldier who had used his sword
To pierce the body of our Lord,
Said truly this was Jesus Christ our Savior
He looked with fear upon his sword,
Then turned to face his Christ the Lord
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**Took from his head the thorny crown
And wrapped him in a linen gown,
Then layed him down to rest inside the tomb
The holes in his hands, his feet, his side,
Now in our hearts we know he died
To save us from ourselves, Oh Hallelujah!**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**Three days went by, again they came
To move the stone to bless the slain,
With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah
But as they went to move the stone
They saw that they were not alone
For Jesus Christ has Risen, Hallelujah!**



Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON:

He is Risen!

PRAYER FOR APPLICATION:

RESPOND

RESPONSE SONG

“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

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

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 can face tomorrow

Because He lives, every fear is gone

I know He holds my life, my future in His hands

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive, Because He lives

Amen, Amen,

Let my song join the one that never ends

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

SENDING HYMN

"I Will Rise"

**There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say "It is well"**

**Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead**

**And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise**

**There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes**

**Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead**

**And I will rise when He calls my name
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CLOSING PRAYER

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

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.
- Shahla Tariq's brother is recovering from heart surgery
- 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

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.

Hallelujah! Reconciled through His Sacrifice.

"Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." (Romans 5:9-11)

LIFE AT 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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