

# Arlington Reformed Church



## **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.

WE ARE GLAD YOU JOINED  
US THIS MORNING

**November 28, 2021**

*Advent Week One—Hope*

# WHAT IS ADVENT?

The Advent season marks the beginning of the church year. It begins the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christmas and culminates in the celebration of the birth of Christ. The celebration of Advent is not a biblical mandate nor does it have a Scriptural precedent, yet it has a rich tradition in the Christian Church as a season of reflection upon the life, death, resurrection and future return of our Lord Jesus. This season, like all others, has worship of God as its purpose.

## **Hope, Peace, Joy, Love**

The Advent season is filled with meaningful symbolism. We celebrate each week by the lighting of the Advent wreath.

For each of the four weeks there will be four corresponding candles on the wreath. Three of the candles are purple; the royal color of our King, and one of the candles is rose-colored. Each candle represents a biblical theme.

This Advent season will follow the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. In the center of the wreath will be a fifth candle, the Christ candle, which we will light on Christmas Eve to mark the Messiah's arrival.



## **TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAM**

Sermon:	Pastor Frank Gallo
Music:	Lexi Johnson, Jerry Canaday, Debbie and Rob Grant, Sandra Cox
Prayers:	Ann Veeder
Reader:	Cynthia Canaday
Greeters:	Matt Sahawneh, Mark Sahawneh
Arlington Children:	Ms. Marlea/Art Class

## **WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday**

10:30am	Coffee and Tea Before Service
10:50am	Preservice Music for Reflection & Prayer
11:00am	Worship Service (Lord's Supper 1st Sunday) Arlingtonville Children's Ministries Arlington First Steps-Infant-Aged 5 Arlington Kids-Ages 6-11
12:00pm	Linger Longer Snack or Meal Fellowship

### **Wednesday**

6:00pm	Worship/Study/Fellowship meal as announced
6:00pm	3rd Wednesday of the month consistory meeting

### **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.

## **OUR SUNDAY MORNING**

*Please remember to silence your cellphone.*

*Stand during singing if you wish. **Bold** words in the service welcome you to participate.*

### **10:30AM**

#### **START TOGETHER**

Come early to the fellowship hall for coffee, tea & snack

### **10:50AM**

#### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

Instrumental music for reflection and prayer

### **11:00AM**

#### **GATHER AND DRAW NEAR**

Welcome and Announcement

Gathering Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Praise

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Children Dismissed to Arlington Kids

Personal Prayer and Special Music

Assurance

*from* Isaiah 40

Worship

"Prepare Ye the Way/O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Worship

"We Have a Savior"

Peace

#### **HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

#### **RESPOND**

Prayers of Intercession w/Lord's Prayer

Sending Song

"There is a Redeemer"

Sending Benediction

### **12:00PM**

#### **LINGER LONGER**

Stay for pie or a snack and beverage fellowship if able



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## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

### **WEBSITE**

Visit the church website at [arlingtonreformedchurch.org](http://arlingtonreformedchurch.org) for information about the church schedules, ministries, and programs.

### **SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE RECORDINGS**

Recordings of Sunday Messages can be found on the website.

### **START TOGETHER**

If you would like to have a beverage and snack before service come into the fellowship hall at 10:30am. We gather there.

### **PRESERVICE REFLECTION**

If you would like to pray before the Sunday service or take some time for reflection, music starts in the sanctuary at 10:50.

### **LINGER LONGER**

Every Sunday after service we have snack and beverages to share in the fellowship hall or you can take something to go as you head out into your week. Sometimes we have a meal!

### **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 depend on your contributions.

### **NON PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION MINISTRY**

There are food bags at the console table inside the sanctuary door for canned and boxed food donations for Dutchess Outreach to help feed the food insecure in our community. Please be a part of this ministry.

### **DUTCHESS OUTREACH BOTTLED WATER MINISTRY**

Each month, we provide individual water bottles to Dutchess Outreach for their "Meals to Go" programs. If you can donate toward this monthly ministry, please use an offering envelope or mail in your donation labeled "Meals to Go." Please be a part of this ministry.

### **DEACON AND OUTREACH FUND MINISTRY**

The Arlington Reformed Church sometimes has requests from people within the church or community for help with groceries, bills, medical needs. Any financial help you can provide to help with this ministry is greatly appreciated. Please mark your donation "Deacon Fund," or "Outreach Fund." Please be a part of this ministry.

## **SAFE COVID-19 CHURCH PRACTICES**

We continue to practice safe church protocols of deep cleaning the entire building each week. Additional sanitizing is done between services in the sanctuary, restrooms, classrooms and the fellowship hall. There are hand sanitizer stations around the church that we encourage you to use on your way into the building and on your way out. Masking is optional but recommended for anyone who has not been vaccinated or acquired natural immunity after a covid illness. Mask wearing does not necessarily mean a person has not been vaccinated, it is each individual's choice.

## **MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH IN HONOR OF:**

Mary Lou Graves-\$635

Dorothy Hanlon-\$150

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

Church is rarely cancelled due to 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 the website before heading out into uncertain weather.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Chet Graves at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital recovering surgery
- Diane and John Aiello for the loss of Diane's mom, Dorothy Hanlon, a longtime member of the church. Also pray for Dottie's companion, Fred Grieve for his loss
- Hugo Becker, Pat's dad with declining health
- Brother-in-law to Margaret Jones recently diagnosed with cancer
- Agnes Asaram, for knee surgery and in NY city w/her son
- Carol Barnes traveling to Cape Cod for Thanksgiving
- Ehab Sahawneh, brother-in-law to Josie, critically ill
- The Mid-Hudson Classis of the RCA and its 30+ churches
- Changepoint Church, leaders, and congregation
- The Mission Church, leaders, and congregation
- ARC and our ministries and outreaches at church and community

## **CONSISTORY (CHURCH BOARD)**

Cynthia Canaday

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Dawn Kostenko

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Shahla Tariq

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We welcome your questions or suggestions. Consistory Meeting minutes and reports are available in the office

**GATHER AND DRAW NEAR**  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”**

**SONG OF PRAISE:**

O Come Emmanuel”

**O come, O come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in its ways to go  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
shall come to thee, O Israel**

“O Come



**O come, desire of nations bind,  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease,  
and be Thyself our King of peace  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
shall come to thee, O Israel**

## **CHILDREN DISMISSED TO ARLINGTON KIDS**

### **PERSONAL PRAYERS/SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Silent Prayer/Special Music*

Lexi Johnson

### **ASSURANCE**

*from Isaiah 40*

“Comfort my people,” says your God. “Comfort them.” A messenger is calling out, “In the desert prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight road through it for our God. Then the glory of the Lord will appear. And everyone will see it together. The Lord has spoken.”

**WORSHIP** “Prepare Ye the Way/O Come Let Us Adore Him”

**I hear a sound coming down from the mountain**

**I hear it clearer each day**

**I hear a sound coming down from the mountain**

**And it says, “Prepare ye the way.”**

**Chorus**

**Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way**

**Prepare ye the way of the Lord**

**Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way**

**Prepare ye the way of the Lord**

**I see a King standing on the mountain**

**I see Him clearer each day.**

**I see a King standing on the mountain,**

**And He says, “Prepare ye the way.”**

**Chorus**

**O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

**For You alone are worthy, For You alone are worthy  
For You alone are worthy, Christ the Lord**

**We'll give You all the glory,  
We'll give You all the glory  
We'll give You all the glory, Christ the Lord  
(Back to Prepare Ye the Way chorus)**

**WORSHIP**

**"We Have a Savior"**

**A child has been given, the King of our freedom  
Sing for the light has come, this is Christmas**

**Come and adore Him, and bring gifts before Him  
Joy to the world, worship the Son, this is Christmas**

**CHORUS**

**This is Jesus Emmanuel  
Here with us tell all the world  
We have a Savior we have a Savior  
We are no longer lost,  
'cause He has come down for us  
We have a Savior we have a Savior**

**Sing with the angels, and lift up your voices  
Join in the song of hope, this is Christmas**

**CHORUS**

**BRIDGE**

**His love will reign forever, His love will reign forever  
His love will reign forever  
His love will reign forever, His love will reign forever  
His love will reign forever**

**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,” while greeting each other.

## **HEAR GOD’S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **SERMON**

### **PRAYER FOR BLESSING**

## **RESPOND**

### **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION W/LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 SONG**

“There is a Redeemer”

**There is a redeemer Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Holy One**

**Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain**

**Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit, 'Til the work on earth is done**

### **SENDING PRAYER**

### **LINGER LONGER**

*The Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*



## 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 teachings of Jesus.

**"ARLINGTONVILLE CHILDREN":** On Sundays, care is provided for children aged 5 years and under in the First Steps room. Children aged 6-11 are dismissed around 11:15 to the Arlington Kids class where they are engaged in activities that will help them learn to make wiser choices, build stronger relationships, and develop a deeper authentic faith.

**LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE:** Fill out the Welcome Card (found in the pew rack in front of you). 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 voice message on the church phone.

**LINGER LONGER:** We have snacks and beverages after service, and sometimes a meal. Hang around, get to know one another.

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

**GET INVOLVED:** We have midweek studies and Saturday pancake breakfasts as advertised. We have other social and recreation events scheduled throughout the year-check out your bulletin, view the bulletin board for upcoming events or visit the website. You can also find us on social media.

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