



## 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

December 12, 2021

*Advent Week Three—Joy*

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the altar and then take home on Christmas Eve or donate for someone who is sick or housebound, order through Ann Veeder by Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the plants are \$10 each.



To have the plant dedicated in memory of a friend or loved one, please provide that information to Ann. If you miss seeing Ann on a Sunday, she can be reached at 845-546-3286

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**Arlington Reformed Church and Mission Church**

*6-7 Pm Christmas Eve  
Candle Light Service*

**Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord singing traditional and contemporary carols, reading scriptures, and hearing special music. The children present. We light candles at the end of our combined service singing Silent Night together.**

**5PM-Come early for snacks, fellowship and family photo op**

**ALL ARE WELCOMED**

December 24, 6pm | 845-454-2704  
22 Raymond Avenue | [arlingtonreformedchurch.org](http://arlingtonreformedchurch.org)  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

## TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAM

|                         |                                                          |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sermon:                 | Pastor Frank Gallo                                       |
| Music:                  | Kara Lu, Jerry Canaday, Debbie and Rob Grant, Sandra Cox |
| Prayers:                | Ann Veeder                                               |
| Advent Candle Lighting: | Stephanie and Rick Kinney                                |
| Reader:                 | Jerry Canaday                                            |
| Greeters:               | Matt Sahawneh, Mark Sahawneh                             |
| Arlington Children:     | Josie Sahawneh and Assistant                             |

## WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

### **Sunday**

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

### **Tuesday**

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| 6:00pm | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month consistory meeting |
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### **Wednesday**

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| 6:00pm | Worship/Study/Fellowship meal as announced |
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### **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

## 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

Praise

"How Great Our Joy"

Children Dismissed to Arlington Kids

Personal Prayer and Special Music

Assurance

Praise

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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

"Joy to the World"

Sending Prayer

**12:00PM**

### **LINGER LONGER**

Please stay for snack fellowship if you are 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 is at Lutheran Care Center and can receive visitors!
- 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
- 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 | 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** **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

#### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CALL TO WORSHIP**

READER: We have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

**ALL: We light the candle of Hope in expectation of the Lord's return.**

READER: 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." **ALL: We light the candle of Peace, knowing that His kingdom's peace will never end.**

READER: I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **ALL: We light the candle of joy as a symbol of Christ our everlasting Joy.**

READER: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**PRAISE** "How Great Our Joy"  
**While by the sheep we watched at night,  
glad tidings brought an angel bright.**

**Refrain:**

**How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!**

**There shall be born, so he did say,  
in Bethlehem a child today. [Refrain]**

**There shall the child lie in a stall,  
this child who shall redeem us all. [Refrain]**

**This gift of God we'll cherish well,  
that ever joy our hearts shall fill. [Refrain]**

## **CHILDREN DISMISSED TO ARLINGTON KIDS**

### **PRAYERS/SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Silent Prayer/Special Music*

Kara Lu

### **ASSURANCE**

Romans 15:13

The God of hope will fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **PRAISE**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.**

**Refrain:**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]**

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]**

## **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 (repeat)**

### **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**

**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**

“Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:  
let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

### **SENDING PRAYER**

### **LINGER LONGER**

**WE ARE PLANNING A YEAR END BREAKFAST  
SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 11AM.

A CASUAL FELLOWSHIP SERVICE WITH A MESSAGE AND  
SINGING, BREAKFAST FOOD AND SOME FUN!



**NOTES AND SUCH THINGS:**

## 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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