



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

TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAM

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

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

Tuesday

6:00pm	2 nd Tuesday of the month consistory meeting
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Wednesday

5:30pm	Worship/Study/Fellowship meal
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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 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 beverage & 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

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Children Dismissed to Arlington Kids

Personal Prayer

Assurance

Praise

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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

"How Deep the Father's Love"

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 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-\$400

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
- Shahla Tariq's brother in law in Pakistan who had a heart attack
- 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)

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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 CANDLE LIGHTING CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: Our hopeful eyes will see Jerusalem, a peaceful home, a tent that will not be moved; its stakes will never be pulled up, nor any of its ropes broken.

CANDLE LIGHTER: We again light the candle of Hope in expectation of the Lord's return.

ALL: Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us. Lord your name alone do we honor.

CANDLE LIGHTER: We again light the candle of Peace, knowing that His kingdom's peace will never end.

ALL: And those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

CANDLE LIGHTER: We again light the candle of joy as a symbol of Christ our everlasting Joy.

ALL: Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken," says the Lord.

CANDLE LIGHTER: We light the candle of love as we remember that God's love is eternal, he will never leave or forsake us

ALL: Lord, thank you for coming and giving us hope, peace, joy and love. We adore you.

PRAISE

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

**O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem,
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright, Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all, glory in the highest
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

**Yea Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n,
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO ARLINGTON KIDS

PRAYERS

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE

1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

PRAISE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight**

**For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to all on earth**

**How silently how silently the wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him
Still the dear Christ enters in**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us our Lord Emmanuel**

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
Come and adore Him, and bring gifts before Him
Joy to the world, worship the Son, 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

"How Deep the Father's Love"

**How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory
Behold the Man upon a cross**

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 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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