



**September 16, 2018**

**9:30 am • Pastor John • Ephesians 2:1-10**

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***We are a purposeful community transformed by the love of God and engaging the world with the grace and truth of Jesus through the practice of Christian hospitality.***

**We welcome you into our community and our lives.** Following this morning's worship, we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

**Babies & Young Children**

A nursery for children 2 years and younger is next to the kitchen off of the Fellowship Hall. Children, 3, 4, and 5 years old who have not started Kindergarten will be dismissed before the sermon to room 27 for Preschool Church Hour.

**Aids to Worship**

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. Please ask our greeters for assistance.



**Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church**

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# 9:30 worship

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## We Gather to Worship the Triune God

### Prelude

#### \*We Receive God's Greeting

#### \*Invited to Worship and Express our Faith

Gather us in  
the lost and the lonely,  
the broken and breaking,  
the tired and the aching  
who long for nourishment  
of body and spirit  
found at your feast.

#### **Gather us in.**

The rich and the poor,  
the suburban dweller  
and the refugee.  
The differently abled  
and wise elder.  
Who long for the welcome  
found at your feast.

#### **Gather us in.**

The proud and pretentious,  
the superior who is never inferior.  
Who long for the friendship  
found at your feast.

#### **Gather us in.**

From main street to back street,  
from dirt roads and paved expressways.  
From offices and hospital rooms,  
from kitchens and factory floors.  
From classrooms  
and boardrooms.

#### **Gather us in.**

Give us a seat at the table you set.  
Break the bread.  
Pour the drink.  
We hear your invitation,  
Your presence is near.

\*Please stand if you are able.

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We become your servants,  
whose lives are renewed,  
By the Host sent to  
Gather us in.

**God's embrace is large for his arms are long.  
God's love never fails and his grace overflows,  
to us and all. Gather us in!**

**\*Songs:**

*Gather Us In*

Red Hymnal 529

*Forever*

Red Hymnal 578

**\*We Greet One Another**

**Children's Time**

**Presentation of Kindergarten Bibles & Reverse Offering of Names**

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

**We Are Renewed by the Spirit**

**Music for Meditation**

**Choir:** *Thanks, Be to God Our Savior*

Gray Hymnal 107:1,2,4

**Prayers of the People**

**We Present our Gifts & Offerings for:**

- 1) The Lord's work through AACRC
- 2) The Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund

**Offertory:**

**Choir:** *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

Red Hymnal 708

**We Are Fed by God's Word and Table**

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Sermon:** "Work for Us to Do"

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## **We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

### **Institution and Invitation**

#### **Communion**

This morning we celebrate communion. All who love Jesus Christ, trust in him alone for their salvation, and agree to be his disciple are invited to join with us in this celebration.

With thanks and joy, take the bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to proceed to the front of the sanctuary to partake of communion, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

#### **Communion Songs:**

*One Bread, One Body*

Red Hymnal 835

*There is a Redeemer*

Red Hymnal 833

#### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **We Go Out in God's Peace**

#### **\*We Receive God's Blessing**

**\*Song:** *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace*

Red Hymnal 938

#### **\*Postlude**

Pastor: John Groen

Worship Team: Mike Wilson, Nigel Fenandez, Veena Kulkarni  
Victor Chen, Tim & Emily Geerlings, Jan Musch,  
AACRC Choir, Paul Herrema (Choir Director)

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## Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: John Groen
- Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10
- A special offering will be received for the Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund.

## Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

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## Youth Ministry

- Preschool Church Hour class will meet during worship in Room 27 for children 3-5 years of age who have not started Kindergarten. The children will be dismissed to their class during the worship service.
- Sunday School Nursery (Infants through 2 years old) - Deb Weener
- 10:50–Preschool (3 and 4 year olds) in Room 27
- 10:50–Sonshine Singers (K through 1st grade) in Room 28, then dismissed directly to Sunday School rooms
- 10:50–Shepherd’s Singers (2nd – 5th grade) in Room 23, then dismissed directly to Sunday School rooms
- 11:10 – Middle School Sunday School
- 11:10 – REACH in Youth Room
- 11:50 – Sunday School Dismissal

### Sunday School Rooms

- Preschool (3&4’s) – Room 27
  - K/1st – Room 29
  - 2nd/3rd – Room 21
  - 4th/5th – Room 22
- Downstairs:**
  - 6th – Room 13
  - 7th/8th – Room 12
  - REACH (HS) – Youth Room

## Adult Sunday School

- Sunday Morning House Groups - meet in your designated room. (10:50-11:50)
- Next Big House Sunday (large group adult education) will be on September 30 with Brent Hoover.
- Downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark Schult and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson.

### New to Ann Arbor or AACRC?

- If you would like to be added to the AACRC e-mail group or have a mailbox assigned, please contact Rachel in the church office: [office@aacrc.org](mailto:office@aacrc.org).
- Have you heard about our House Groups? We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship and studying God’s Word in a small group format. Groups meet at various times. Contact Ross Weener for more information: [rweener@aacrc.org](mailto:rweener@aacrc.org).

# announcements & reminders

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## House Groups

Our small group ministry, House Groups, starts today for Sunday groups and in the coming weeks for Wednesday and weekend groups. It isn't too late to sign up. Please contact Ross Weener ([rweener@aacrc.org](mailto:rweener@aacrc.org)) for more information or to sign up.

## Christian School Tuition Fund

A special offering will be received today for the Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund. AACRC offers Christian school tuition assistance from this fund.

To receive assistance, a written letter requesting assistance must be delivered to your service deacon or the service deacon chair (Phil Palmbo). You may also email a written request to the service deacons ([ppalmbo@med.umich.edu](mailto:ppalmbo@med.umich.edu)). Assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis and is limited to \$500 per student / \$1000 per family. Funds are available until they are exhausted. Please return your request by October 7.

## Reverse Offering

Today each person and family will have the opportunity to take a name of a student here at AACRC to pray for throughout the year. Some people stick it to their bathroom mirror or refrigerator, others will stick it in their Bible as a tangible reminder to pray for their student. Thanks for your continued desire to honor the convenantal promises we make to these students at baptism!

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone at AACRC for blessing our last seven years with your fellowship, teaching, prayer, and service. Our new address in Maryland will be:

Eddie and Jana Hodges-Kluck  
4N Laurel Hill Rd.  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

## New Members Class

Are you new to the AACRC or interested in its ministry? Would you like to join the AACRC by becoming a member? Are you curious what membership means and involves for you and your family? Pastor Ryan will be leading a class the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 throughout the fall. If you are interested, please reach out to him at [rboes@aacrc.org](mailto:rboes@aacrc.org) or call the office.

## Embodying the Text

Hey Friends. You are invited to an exciting opportunity this October. On Saturday, October 13, Dr. Travis West will be here to lead a workshop on enacting the story of scripture. The group will be invited into the story of Exodus 17 to explore its meaning and how it is we interpret the text with our whole selves. Part of this group may also perform their interpretation in worship on Sunday. Space is limited as we only have 25-30 slots available so don't wait to sign up for this incredible opportunity of discipleship and bible study. Contact pastor Ryan if you are interested at [rboes@aacrc.org](mailto:rboes@aacrc.org). Or call the office at 734-665-0105.

## AACRC Weekly Email

- The church office has been sending out a weekly email to share information such as announcements for upcoming events, council and ministry updates, and Sunday service details. Make sure to find it and mark it as "not spam" so you don't miss these!
- Articles and information typically printed in the monthly newsletter publication, "On Broadway", will now be enfolded into the AACRC Weekly email. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel: [office@aacrc.org](mailto:office@aacrc.org) or 734-665-0105.

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## You're Invited

Headquartered in Ann Arbor, Haiti Nursing Foundation (HNF) improves health in the Republic of Haiti by supporting quality nursing education in that country. You're invited to show your support for this work at HNF's third annual "Support a Healthier Haiti" fundraising event on Friday, September 28, 2018 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Ann Arbor City Club. You can register and purchase tickets for the event at <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/communicate/eventtickets.action?auctionId=334117217>. Thom Bales, who worships regularly with us, is the Executive Director of HNF and would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you might have.

### **CROP Hunger Walk--September 30**

The 44th annual Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk is just two weeks away! Please consider participating in this event which will help alleviate hunger and poverty around the world as well as in our own community.

If you'd like to walk, please stop by the CROP table in the Fellowship Hall and pick up your walker envelope today. Each walker will be matched with one or two sponsors from our congregation.

We especially need more walkers, but also welcome more sponsors. Thanks for your participation!

### **got truth.**

As you read read, meditate on, and pray the Scripture(s). Please share them with the community of faith at AACRC. Please print the Scripture you are committing to memory on a 3x5 piece of paper, print your name, and clip the paper to the board across from the church mailboxes. On occasion, over coffee in the Fellowship Room or prior to a facilitator beginning a House Group discussion, ask a friend "**got truth?**".

## Looking for a New Ministry Opportunity?

Looking for a new ministry opportunity in our congregation? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following—faith, mercy, teaching the faith or encouragement—consider becoming a Stephen Minister. To learn more about the upcoming training class, join us TODAY in room 11 (downstairs) at 11:20 AM.

### **Sunday School Ministry Opportunity**

What we need?

- 4 Nursery caregivers for infants to 2 year olds during the Sunday school hour (approx. 10:50-11:50)
- 1 year time commitment (September 9, 2018 to May 19, 2018)

If interested, please contact Mary Admiraal ([admiraalm@netscape.net](mailto:admiraalm@netscape.net)) or Jen Ruth ([jennymayr@gmail.com](mailto:jennymayr@gmail.com)).

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## AACRC Weekly Calendar

### Today, September 16

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship
- 10:50 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM House Groups

### Monday, September 17

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 7:30 PM Council Leadership Team

### Tuesday, September 18

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 9:30 AM Coffee Break
- 12:00 PM Interfaith Roundtable Lunch
- 1:15 PM Coffee Break
- 7:00 PM Dinner at Lindquist's House
- 7:15 PM Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Tutoring

### Wednesday, September 19

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM Pizza Night
- 6:30 PM Gems/Cadets/Roots
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 20

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer Group
- 10:00 AM Crafters
- 6:45 PM New Life Group
- 7:00 PM Friendship Ministry

### Friday, September 21

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM ISI Bible Study
- 7:30 PM FaHoLo

### Saturday, September 22

No events scheduled

### Sunday, September 23

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship
- 10:50 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM House Groups

## Assisting This Week 9/16

### Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Sue & Darren De Zeeuw  
Mike & Jukie Wilson

### Nursery

- 9:30 Sue De Zeeuw, Redder family

### Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 Theresa Tanin, Mary Herrema,  
Anika Lautenbach, Zachary  
Redder

## Assisting Next Week 9/23

### Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Bryan & Amber Diemer  
Al & Bev Kraker

### Nursery

- 9:30 Andrea Bennink, Rita Aagenas,  
Sarita & Grant Schoenebeck

### Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 Tanya Boldenow, Justin Schiller,  
Kira Brehob, Dane Hubers

### Communion Servers

- 9:30 John & Rachel Bush  
Chris & Joanne Adams



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Mission Focus: Lynn and Mary Degener  
China Outreach Ministries (China Friends)



“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” John 12:46  
We have the awesome privilege of exposing some of China’s elite scholars and their families to the Gospel and the Christian life. God

blesses us with new opportunities here. At our Christmas Dinner we invited members from a Chinese church to attend and about 40 people came. One of the English Bible study leaders at the church became very interested in our China Friends ministry. Her husband did some investigating and told her *“COM is a very good organization. You should get to know them better.”* As a result, this spring Mary was invited to co-teach an English Bible study to a group of Chinese scholars at the Chinese church. We were surprised at the number of people attending this mid-morning Bible study on a week day. This has led us into a developing relationship with the Chinese church. In addition to Thursday we also meet together every Friday evening and co-lead the English Bible study. We also have a consistent group that meets every week in our home. We have dinner together and then Bible study. One person said one time *“it’s like family.”* Lynn has kept up with some of those that have gone back to China. Please pray for X and Li.

We all may never know the results of what we have done. We thank God for all the opportunities we get because you are right there with us with your prayers and support. We thank you so much for partnering with us and sharing this life changing ministry with us. Your investment in China Outreach Ministries is impacting lives that will change a nation.

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