



February 10, 2019

9:30 am • Pastor John Groen

Colossians 3:12-17

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

We Gather to Worship the Triune God

Prelude: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

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Welcome

*Call to Worship

Holy, loved, church of Jesus Christ, put on compassion and kindness this day.

Wrapped in the clothing of love, we gather to worship God.

Holy, loved, church of Jesus Christ, with all humility, put on the clothing of gentleness and patience.

Wrapped in the clothing of love, we gather to worship God.

Holy, loved, church of Jesus Christ, bring your gratitude and your joy into this time of worship.

Wrapped in the clothing of love, we gather to worship God.

*Songs:

Lord Most High

Red Hymnal 593

Better is One Day

Red Hymnal 506

*We Receive God's Greeting and Greet One Another

We Are Renewed by the Spirit

Children's Blessing

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

Prayer of Confession

You have chosen us to be your children, O God,
and yet we choose other paths, other priorities, other spaces to live in.

Guide us back to you.

Forgive us, Gracious God,

When we destroy harmony;

when we wear anger like a coat:

when we weave discontent and malice

into the fabric of our lives;

when we withhold forgiveness from one another.

Clothe us with your love and mercy,
so that we live as your people
and put on love and mercy.

*Please stand if you are able.

**Holy Spirit, live in us, and lead us to live as people of
compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.
Bind us together with your powerful love,
so that our love may be pure,
and that our actions reflect the peace of Christ,
and we live in unity and harmony, today and tomorrow.**

Words of Assurance

***Song:** *And Can It Be*

Red Hymnal 695

Prayers of the People

We Present our Gifts & Offerings for: The Lord's work through AACRC

Offertory

We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Message: "Be Clothed"

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:

In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified

Red Hymnal 861

Take My Life and Let It Be

Red Hymnal 863:1,2,5,6

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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Please join the worship team in singing the chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go Out in God's Peace

***We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

***Doxology:** *They'll Know We Are Christians*

Red Hymnal 256

***Postlude**

Preacher: Pastor John Groen

Worship Team: Pastor Noah Livingston, Pastor Kristen Livingston,
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today

next sunday • Feb. 17

Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Pastor John Groen
- Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17
- Livingstons' Installation Service @ 4:30 PM

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- Preacher: Pastor Ryan Boes
- Scripture: I Samuel 3:1-20
- Big House Sunday: Sarah Thornburg with Friends In Deed
- Groen Farewell Event @ 5:00 PM

New to Ann Arbor or AACRC?

- If you would like to be added to our weekly email, Connections, or have a mailbox assigned, please contact Rachel in the church office: 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.



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Youth Faith Formation (10:50-11:50)

- Nursery (Infants through 2 years old)
- Preschool (3 and 4 year olds) in room 27
- Sonshine Singers (K/1st) in room 28, then dismissed directly to room 29
- Shepherd's Singers (2nd – 5th) in Room 23, then dismissed directly to rooms, room 21 (2nd/3rd) and room 22 (4th/5th)
- Savior Servant Singers (6th-12th) in room 19, then dismissed directly to rooms, room 13 (6th), room 12 (7th/8th), youth room (high school)

Adult Faith Formation (10:50-11:50)

- House Groups, our small group bible studies, will be resuming TODAY.
- BESEL: Downstairs, room 17 study the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages with Mark Schult & Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson.

announcements & reminders

Installation Service Today

Join us at 4:30 PM for the installation of Rev. Noah and Rev. Kristen Livingston. You are invited to stay for the cake and punch reception following the service.

Opportunity to Participate in Piloting Faith and Life CETI Curriculum

Faith and Life, also known by its Spanish acronym CETI, is a curriculum developed by Jim and Ruth Padilla DeBorst focusing on the meaning and nature of Church. This program is one way for us as a community to talk about how our church vision informs our personal and corporate lives. We are looking for a small group of people to pilot the program and help adapt it to our church context. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the pilot project, please contact Peter Boldenow (peter.boldenow@gmail.com).

Urgent Needs in our Children's Ministry

- 1 Nursery Angel for the 2nd Sunday of the month
- 1 Helper for the second and third grade Sunday school class

Please contact Mary Admiraal, Children's Ministry Coordinator, for additional details.

Rotating Shelter Week #2

Thanks to many of you filling over 100 volunteer spots, we were able to successfully host the Rotating Shelter this past week and through tomorrow morning!

We now begin to look ahead to our second host week, **March 4-11**. The sign-up board in the Fellowship Hall has been updated so that we can begin filling those volunteer spots. Volunteers will be needed to provide transportation, stay overnight, and provide snacks/meals for our guests at church. Watch for a link to the online sign-up in this week's Connections.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can participate in this Oikos ministry to our community. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Todd Redder (tredder@limno.com), Phil Palmbo (ppalmbo@med.umich.edu) or Scott Stephenson (jscottstephenson@gmail.com).

Gray Matters Meeting

Our next Gray Matters meeting will be Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 1:30 PM in Room 24 at the church.

Dr. Kathy Clark has graciously consented to make a presentation on the topic "Do we need proof to feel special in the eyes of God?".

Groen Farewell Event

Sunday, February 17, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

Casual potluck dinner to follow with pulled chicken and dessert provided.

Please bring: Your own table setting and a dish to pass (not dessert).



It's an Unbirthday Party!

The Preschool through first grade children are invited to attend an Unbirthday Party planned just for them on Saturday, February 16 from 930-1130AM. We will celebrate at Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church in the Youth Room by participating in Candyland related activities, a service project, and eating cake and ice cream. Please RSVP to Mary Admiraal by Sunday, February 10.

Birthday Donations Still Needed

Items requested and still needed are: 2 boxes of cake mix, 5 containers of frosting, 5 packages of birthday plates and 5 packages of napkins (8 count), 4 packages of birthday candles, and 8 birthday banners, 7 2-3oz. containers of sprinkles.

The young children in our community of faith will use them to pack 10 birthday bags that will be delivered to families in need who visit Hope Clinic. If you have any questions contact Children's Ministry Coordinator, Mary Admiraal.

Family Life Services Gala

You're invited to join Family Life Services at our annual gala as we celebrate a year of helping families bloom!

The Family Life Services Board of Directors invites you to pledge support and learn more about our works supporting women and families in Washtenaw County and beyond.

Enjoy dinner, a compelling speaker, client stories and entertainment. Please RSVP by Friday, March 1st at flsfriends.com/annualgala/

Questions? Please call or email: (734) 484 – 3088
development@flscenter

Come See Peter Pan Jr.

Ann Arbor Christian School has been developing and staging great children's theater for eight years, and 2019 is no exception. Please come March 1 at 7pm or March 2 at 2pm for our theater club's amazing production of Peter Pan Jr. Tickets can be purchased now at annarborchristian.org/theaterclub.

Looking for a New School for Your Children?

Whether for a mid-year transfer now or next year, Ann Arbor Christian School is actively giving personal tours for all interested families. Please contact the school to schedule a personal tour to talk about your child's needs and interests and how AACCS can help your child to thrive. We also have an open house on February 22 from 9am-3pm and 6pm-8pm. In partnership with Christian families, Ann Arbor Christian School offers Christ-centered, academically excellent education that challenges students to live and act in society as committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Inspire 2019

Registration for Inspire 2019 opened on February 1. The full list of this year's workshops is available on the website. Visit the agenda page of crcna.org/Inspire and click on August 1, 2, or 3 to see everything that Inspire has to offer. It is going to be pretty spectacular with something for everyone! There is no option for group registration this time, so everyone should register individually. However, Barb Fichtenberg will help facilitate carpools for those who are interested. Just let her know at bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

AACRC Weekly Calendar

Today, February 10

Rotating Shelter

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship
- 10:50 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM House Groups
- 11:10 AM Soup Group
- 11:10 AM Big House Sunday
- 4:30 PM Livingstons' Installation Service

Monday, February 11

Rotating Shelter

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry
- 7:30 PM Facilities Meeting
- 7:30 PM Women's Book Study

Tuesday, February 12

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 9:30 AM Coffee Break
- 1:15 PM Coffee Break
- 7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 13

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Side by Side
- 1:30 PM Gray Matters Group
- 7:00 PM Missions Team Meeting

Thursday, February 14

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

Friday, February 15

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening

Saturday, February 16

- 9:30 AM YogaFaithShalom Class

Sunday, February 17

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship
- 10:50 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM Big House Sunday
- 5:00 PM Groen Farewell Event

Assisting This Week 2/10

Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Sean & Jenelle Newman
Barb & Godwin Okonkwo

Nursery

- 9:30 Joanne Adams
Melissa Hartenstein, Helen Brush
- SS Michmerhuizen, Peterson

Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 De Anna Stephenson, Yang Liu,
Dre Hubers, Jack Stephenson

Communion Servers

- 9:30 Joel & Nancy Hofman
Bob & Melanie Bolhuis

Assisting Next Week 2/17

Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Dane & Sarah Peterson
Ron & Sue Holdaway-Heys

Nursery

- 9:30 Sue De Zeeuw,
Mark & Leslie Doorlag
- SS Claudia Larson, Peterson

Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 Rita Aagenas, Andrea & Jacob
Bennink, Johanna Lautenbach

Communion Servers

- 9:30 Larry & Ruth Mieras
Dave & Marilyn McLaughlin



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Focus on Diaconal Ministries
Family Life Services

The FLS Clinic and Pregnancy Center has been serving women and saving lives for 33 years. Through the generosity of donors and volunteers, there are no charges for services. They assist women in crisis pregnancy situations through medical support, material goods, parent education programs, counseling and embodying God's unconditional love. Please prayerfully consider how you can join this life-saving ministry. One opportunity will be the upcoming baby bottle boomerang program, where you can take a bottle home and fill it with money towards the following:

\$5 = medical sample cups for **10 free pregnancy tests**

\$20 = office supplies for this life-saving **ministry**

\$100 = program resources for the **emotional and spiritual support** of women after pregnancy loss

\$250 = marketing **research** to more effectively reach the **abortion-vulnerable** at Eastern Michigan University

\$500 = **laptop** for counselors to help **educate clients** and accurately chart their information

\$1000 = **10 new car seats** for mothers in FLS parenting classes who cannot afford this essential safety measure

\$2,200 = **10 Free ultrasounds** to abortion-vulnerable women

\$4,500 = winter **snow removal** and salting to keep parking lot and sidewalks safe for visitors

\$4,700 = insurance and maintenance on the **ultrasound machine** for one year

\$10,800 = **mortgage** for one year, equipping FLS to serve women in need

\$125,000 = pay off the **20-year mortgage** on the **redeemed** building (formerly a Planned Parenthood location).