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presbyterian church

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A Congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Please silence all cell phones.

* Those who are able, please stand.

† Latecomers may be seated.

How we worship: Each church has its own worship style, but worship is more than style. It begins with a heart for God through faith in Christ. It is also a dialogue between God and his people; he speaks, and we respond. Finally, worship is defined by God, not our imaginations. All that we do in worship (e.g. singing, praying, affirming our faith, preaching, etc.) comes from God's word. He promises to meet with us as we praise him in these ways.

Call to worship: God calls his people into his holy and loving presence in worship. As we worship we are blessed with the joy of the Lord. Today he graciously invites all people to worship through faith in Christ.

WELCOME TO REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ-centered · Gospel-driven · Kingdom-focused

PRELUDE

† ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 22:22-23

Rev. Zack Keuthan

I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Trinity Hymnal #53 (vv. 1, 3-5)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
Hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* LORD'S PRAYER — Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — *Heidelberg Catechism* #39 & #40

Pastor: Is it significant that Christ was “crucified” instead of dying
some other way?

People: **Yes. This death convinces me that he shouldered the curse
which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was accursed by
God.**

Pastor: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

People: **Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of
God's Son could pay for our sin.**

Prayer of invocation:

Invocation means “to call upon.” Even as God calls us to worship, we call upon God to fill our hearts with his Spirit to assure us that we belong to him and to help us worship him in Spirit and truth.

Affirmation of our faith:

Believing God's truth sets us free from the lies of Satan, the world, and our sinful hearts. We affirm our faith in the truth each Sunday in order to worship God, strengthen our faith, and encourage one another.

Worship through singing:

God delights in hearing his people sing. As we sing our faith, we give praise to God and he transforms our hearts so that we are more like His Son.

Call to renewal: God calls his people to renew their commitment to him as he renews his commitment to us. Through his word, the sin that we hide is exposed, not to shame us, but to lead us to repentance so that we can be forgiven. With grateful hearts, we receive instruction in the way of righteousness.

Confession of sin: Our sin isn't just about breaking rules, it's about hurting our relationship with a loving God who gave up his Son to save us. Grace softens our hard hearts so that we freely confess our sins during a time of silent confession. We also confess our sins together as the people of God have always done in worship.

Words of assurance: God uses his word to convict our conscience of sin, but he also assures us that we are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ and dearly loved.

† * **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** — *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*
Words | Music: Stuart Townend

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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, My sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
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CALL TO RENEWAL — 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mr. Austin Bollinger

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God,
Thank you that you have opened our eyes to your glory in the face of Jesus. Even so, our vision for you often remains small and dim. Forgive us for the ways our minds and hearts resist knowing you. Continue to shine the light of Christ in our hearts that we may know you better. In Christ, we pray.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Zechariah 12:10, 13:1

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross*

Trinity Hymnal #264

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
There a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream—
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed its beams around me. (*Refrain*)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me. (*Refrain*)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river. (*Refrain*)

Children's Sermon:

Please come forward for the children's sermon as we sing the last verse of the hymn. The children's sermon makes the Bible accessible to young children.

Parents: You are welcome to accompany your child to the front. Afterward, children 2-3 years of age may be dismissed to the nursery. Please gather in the narthex, and a deacon will lead you to the nursery.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

Doxology: Doxology means “praise.” We praise God because of his generosity to us.

Sermon: The Bible teaches us how to know Jesus and experience his saving work. The sermon is for proclaiming Jesus and how we can trust in him for salvation and live for his glory. For those who receive the Bible as the word of God, it is profitable to teach us, rebuke our sins, build us up in his grace, and train us in righteousness.

Sermons available at
www.refpres.org

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *There Is a Redeemer*

Words | Music: Melody Green (v. 1)

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There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON — *“Crucified for You”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

John 19:16b-42

[16b] So they took Jesus, [17] and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. [18] There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. [19] Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” [20] Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. [21] So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” [22] Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” [23] When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, [24] so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, [25] but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" [27] Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. [28] After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." [29] A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. [30] When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. [31] Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. [32] So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. [33] But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34] But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. [35] He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. [36] For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." [37] And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced." [38] After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. [39] Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. [40] So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. [41] Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. [42] So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

SERMON OUTLINE

Jesus suffered the cross for sinners. Therefore, believe that Jesus suffered to save you.

How does Jesus' suffering on the cross save you?

1. Jesus suffered loss of everything to give you everything.
2. Jesus suffered scorn of rejection to give you acceptance.
3. Jesus suffered punishment for sins to give you forgiveness.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

Trinity Hymnal #246

Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die,
"It is finished!" was his cry:
Now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,
All his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Trinity Hymnal #251 (v. 3)

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

POSTLUDE

Benediction: A benediction is not a prayer, but a pronouncement from God of his blessing and approval. God sends his people out to live in the strength of his blessing upon our lives.

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GET CONNECTED

PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 2 Palm Sunday
- April 6 Maundy Thursday Service
6:00 PM - Sanctuary
- April 7 Good Friday Vespers
6:00 PM - Kirkside Hall
- April 9 Easter Sunday at Camp Greystone
10:00 AM - Arrive at Camp
10:45 AM - Outdoor Worship
12:00 PM - Easter Egg Hunt
12:15 PM - Picnic Lunch



Sunday School

- Classes at Kirkside Hall (brick building next door), 9:30 am; nursery provided
- Adult Class: *Christ and Culture* - Zack Keuthan (fellowship hall)
 - Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes
 - Pre-K: Nancy George and Hayley Bollinger (classroom)
 - K-2nd: Sallye Lucas, Marie Pender, and Marty Reed (classroom)
 - 3rd-5th: Jeremy Maestro and Levi Friedly (kitchen)
 - Middle School: *Prayer 101* - Andrew Melton (library)
 - High School: *Christ and Culture* - Austin Bollinger (Pastor Zack’s office)

Additional Connections this Week

- Today**
 - 5:00 PM** SNL (CM Sunday Night Live)
 - 5:00 PM** Youth Group
 - 5:00 PM** Boyd Drive Community Group
 - 5:00 PM** Cane Creek Community Group
- Monday** **6:30 PM** Flat Rock Community Group
- Tuesday** **4:00 PM** Kirkside Hall Community Group
- Wednesday** **6:30 PM** Woman’s Bible
6:15 PM Sylvan Heights Community Group
- Thursday** **6:30 PM** Jacamar Way Community Group

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and
in loving and thankful memory of Maurice “Bud” Hill.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Prepare your hearts for the Lord’s Supper next Sunday. Please consider the following passages before coming to the table: 1 Corinthians 10:16-22, 11:27-29; Matthew 5:23-24; The Special Offering for April goes to the ARP Easter Offering.
- 2. The RPC children's choir will sing in the Easter Sunday morning service. There are two more rehearsals (today and April 2) from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.
- 3. Easter Egg Hunt donations can be placed in the baskets in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. Please bring them by next Sunday, April 2.
- 4. Bonclarken Volunteer Work Week is April 17-21. You can work one day or all five days or any number in between. It will be a time of service, fellowship, worship, inspiration, and renewal. You can find more information & registration at <https://www.bonclarken.org/arp-events/>

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

March 26

Babies..... Carlos & Caroline Galvan
Walkers Royce & Vickie Ryles & Jessie Callaway

April 2

Babies..... Myra Johnson & Natalie Maestro
Walkers Margaret Miller & Anne Campbell Lucas

USHERS

March

Vern George, Charlie Johnson, Deane Potter

April

Bob Johnson, Steve Stage, Jerry Knight

Valet Parking is available
between 10:15 - 10:40 am

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering plate)

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☐ I am visiting today

I’D LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- ☐ ARP Denomination
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Children’s Ministry
- ☐ Community Groups
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Men’s Ministry
- ☐ Missions/Outreach
- ☐ Music Ministry
- ☐ Women’s Ministry
- ☐ Youth Ministry
- ☐ Receive a call from a pastor

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

(Continue on the back)

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