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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

By God's grace and for his glory, we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching lost sinners with the free offer of the gospel and equipping Christians to love, serve, and share Christ in all of life.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Austin Bollinger

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 36:7-9

Elder Ben Oldham

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*

Trinity Hymnal #30 (vv. 1-4)

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

* 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, forever. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — *Westminster Larger Catechism #88*

Elder: What shall immediately follow after the resurrection?

People: **Immediately after the resurrection shall follow the general and final judgment of angels and men; the day and hour whereof no man knoweth, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.**

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Man of Sorrows! What a Name* Trinity Hymnal #246 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

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

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

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.

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.

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.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Joel 2:12-13

Mr. Chris Price

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSON OF SIN

Heavenly Father,

You have said that we should not live on bread alone, but rather draw nourishment from Jesus, the Bread of Life. Yet we confess we are more in tune with our bodily needs than our spiritual needs. We more easily forsake our devotions and prayer than food and drink. We too often feed our souls with the passing pleasures of this life rather than the hope of glory. Forgive us, reorder our priorities, and fix our eyes on eternity. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Romans 10: 9, 13

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)* (vv. 1-4)

Words: Martin Luther | Music: Christopher Miner
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From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
A voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities did mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee,
O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy,
And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in my own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience,
I wait for it with patience.

What though I wait the live-long night,
And till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth,
And wait till God appeareth.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Children up to age 4 may be taken to Children's Church

CHILDREN'S HYMN - *As the Deer* (v. 1)

Words | Music: Martin Nystrom

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As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Chorus:

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

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.

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

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’ly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON — *“Longing For the Bridegroom’s Return”*

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Matthew 6:16-18

[16] “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. [17] But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, [18] that your fasting may not be seen by others but by Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

SERMON OUTLINE

Jesus helps us rightly understand fasting. Fast according to His teaching.

How does Jesus help us rightly understand fasting?

1. Jesus helps us understand the necessity of fasting.

2. Jesus helps us understand the practice of fasting.

a. The wrong way to fast.

b. The right way to fast.

3. Jesus helps us understand the reward of fasting.

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Words and Music: Joshua Moore | Sandra McCracken
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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.

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (*Chorus*)

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. (*Chorus*)

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom. (*Chorus*)

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Trinity Hymnal #598 (v. 1)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

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

Sunday School

Classes at Kirkside Hall (brick building next door), 9:30 AM; nursery provided

Adult Class: *1 & 2 Thessalonians* —Elders Skip Goldsmith and Glen Reid (Fellowship Hall),

Prayer — Elder Michael Rhodes and Eric Warren (Sanctuary Basement)

Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes

Pre-K—Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog (Classroom)

K-2nd—Carly McGregor and Vickie Jenkins (Classroom)

3rd-5th—Mitch Harper and Levi Friedly (Kitchen)

Middle School: *Foundations for Faith: A Study of the Shorter Catechism* - Chris Price (Library)

High School: *Growing in Christ's Church* - Andrew Melton and Jeremy Maestro
(Assoc. Pastor's Office)

Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies.

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM—Contact: Ben Oldham, 912.531.5864

Mondays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:30 PM—Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004

419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville, 6:30 PM—Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM—Contact: Jamie Hunt, 704.578.1862

Wednesdays - 119 Sunset Hill Drive, Etowah, NC, 6:30 PM—Contact: Austin Bollinger, 828.845.0798

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:00 PM—Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533

Additional Connections this Week

Today **12:30 PM** Dolan/Maestro Shepherding Luncheon

3:45 PM Youth Committee Meeting

5:00 PM Youth Group

5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group

Monday **Office Closed**

6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group @ Kirkside Hall

6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group

Tuesday **4:00 PM** Kirkside Community Group

4:00 PM Session Meeting

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday **6:30 PM** Etowah Community Group

Friday **6:30 PM** Friday Kirkside Community Group

Saturday **7:30 AM** Upward Calling

9:00 AM (Non-certified) CPR Training and Safety Course

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Youth Group resumes today.
2. The Dolan/Maestro Shepherding Group Luncheon is today in Kirkside Hall, following worship. All visitors are invited.
3. The Reid/George Shepherding Group Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, in Kirkside Hall, following worship. All visitors are invited. RSVP on the Get Connected Tear-Off Tab.
4. The non-certified CPR Training and safety course is this Saturday, January 24 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM led by certified trainer Mary Keyzer. If you would like to attend, please contact Sallye Lucas, DCM by text message at 828-702-2892.
5. Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for Jocelyn Brown on February 7, at 10:00 AM. The shower will be at the Dugle's home at 464 Mine Gap Road, East Flat Rock.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

January 18

Babies Ann Marr and Myra Johnson
Walkers Eric & Sally Warren and Abigail Friedly

January 25

Babies Jada Edwards and Briana Johnson
Walkers Tacy Stage and Hayley Bollinger

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God,
In praise for His abundant mercies.*

Free church parking is available at the Bank of America, First Bank, Staton Law Firm, Hill Law Office, and Allstate Insurance on Church Street. Please note that the lot directly behind the Hill Law Office is paid parking. All violators will be ticketed and towed.

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

RSVP to the Reid/George Luncheon
January 25th

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)

OFFICERS

<u>Session Members</u>	<u>Diaconate Members</u>
Rev. Austin Bollinger	Seth Brown
Tim Crunk	Levi Friedly
Doug Dolan	Carlos Galvan
Kevin Keyzer	Vern George
Rev. Matt Lucas	Adam Glenn
Ben Oldham	Bill Goehring
Glen Reid	Mitch Harper
Michael Rhodes	Jeremy Maestro
Keith Rose	Bill O'Brien
	Tim Petree

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STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Matt Lucas
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