



reformation  
*presbyterian church*

May 21, 2023

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

#### High School

Mary Coe  
Carolyn Leigh  
Abby Ronningen

#### College

Elizabeth Dolan  
Ellen George  
Allie Manning Lucas  
Heidi Reid

### MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** — Psalm 118:1, 4  
Elder Michael Rhodes

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

† \* **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, forever. Amen.

**\* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — (Based on 1 John 5:20)**

Elder: What do you believe concerning the son of God?

People: **We believe "that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."**

**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.

† \* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** — *We Come, O Christ to You*  
Trinity Hymnal #181 (vv. 1, 4)

We come, O Christ, to you,  
True Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist,  
In whom all life began:  
In you alone we live and move,  
And have our being in your love.

You only are true Life,  
To know you is to live  
The more abundant life  
That earth can never give:  
O risen Lord! We live in you:  
In us each day your life renew!

**CALL TO RENEWAL** — John 1:45-46

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Holy Lord,  
We confess we often doubt that you are the greatest good. We disbelieve in the truth of your Word. We seek to fulfill our needs in things other than you. Renew our trust in the one who has given us the right to be children of God, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** — John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**\* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — Help My Unbelief**

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I know the Lord is nigh  
And would but cannot pray  
For Satan meets me when I try  
And frights my soul away  
And frights my soul away

*Chorus:*  
Help my unbelief  
Help my unbelief  
Help my unbelief  
My help must come from Thee

I would but can't repent  
Though I endeavor oft  
This stony heart can ne'er relent  
Till Jesus makes it soft  
Till Jesus makes it soft (*Chorus*)

I would but cannot love  
Though wooed by love divine  
No arguments have power to move  
A soul as base as mine  
A soul so base as mine (*Chorus*)

I would but cannot rest  
In God's most holy will  
I know what He appoints is best  
And murmur at it still  
I murmur at it still (*Chorus*)

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Rev. Matt Lucas

**CHILDREN'S HYMN — Jesus Strong And Kind**

Words and Music: Colin Buchanan | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

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Jesus said  
That if I thirst,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy,  
I should come to him.

Jesus said  
If I am weak,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength,  
I should come to him.

*Chorus:*  
For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said  
That if I fear,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield.  
I should come to him. (*Chorus*)

Jesus said  
If I am lost,  
He will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross,  
He will come to me. (*Chorus x 2*)

**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](http://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’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### SERMON — *“John’s Purpose ”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

John 20:30-31

[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### SERMON OUTLINE

The gospel of Jesus must be believed.

1. Believe the written testimony to Jesus.

2. Believe in the personal identity of Jesus.

a. The Christ

b. The Son of God

3. Believe in Jesus for eternal life.



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

Trinity Hymnal #535

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward,  
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
How he loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o'er his loved ones,  
Died to call them all his own;  
How for them he intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to thee.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *He Is Lord*

Words and Music: Claire Cloninger | Linda Lee Johnson | Tom Fettke

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He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead  
And He is Lord!  
Ev'ry knee shall bow,  
Ev'ry tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

**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

### Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes. *(Currently on Summer Break)*

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM - Contact: John Gates, 907.244.7709

25 Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, 5:00 PM - Contact: Eddie Reed, 804.452.0920

Mondays – 1915 Little River Road, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM - Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM - Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062

Wednesdays – 1034 Sylvan Blvd, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM - Contact: Zack Keuthan, 828.702.6807

Thursdays – 464 Mine Gap Road, East Flat Rock, 6:30 PM - Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 1232 Olde Chanteloup Ct, 6:00 PM - Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533

### Sunday School

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

Adult Class: *Cynicism in the World and in Our Hearts* - Matt Lucas (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: *Delighting in the Trinity* - Tyler Blohm (library)

High School: *Christ and Culture* - Austin Bollinger (Pastor Zack's office)

### Additional Connections this Week

**Today**                    **No Youth Group**  
**12:00 PM** Graduation Luncheon

**Saturday**                **7:30 AM** 2/4 Men's Study

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of  
Vern and Nancy George's 30th wedding anniversary.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Special Offering for May will go to our "Daughter Church Plant."
2. The Graduation Luncheon is today in Kirkside Hall following worship. We hope everyone will join us as we celebrate with our graduating seniors.
3. Next Sunday, May 28, there will be a fund-raising breakfast for the Happy Life Missions Team. Breakfast will be served during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A suggested donation of \$5.00 per adult or \$20.00 per family will be collected.
4. Come to hear Elizabeth Dolan speak about her new opportunity to serve in Armenia and meet the Happy Life Team to Kenya while you enjoy breakfast.
5. Beginning Sunday, June 4, we will take a short break from Sunday School.

## USHERS

### May

Andy Coe, Ralph Polk, Eric Warren

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

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

### May 21

Babies..... Steve and Rebecca Stage  
Walkers ..... Eric and Sally Warren

### May 28

Babies.....Linda Rhodes & Briana Johnson  
Walkers ..... Dawn Warren & Cora Stage

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering plate)

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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## OFFICERS

### Session Members

Doug Dolan  
John Gates  
Rev. Zack Keuthan  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Michael Rhodes  
David Taylor

### Diaconate Members

Mark Dugle  
Levi Friedly  
Carlos Galvan  
Phil Hanna  
Jeremy Maestro  
**Bill Mitchell**  
Bill O'Brien  
**Ben Oldham**  
Glen Reid

**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Matt Lucas  
Associate Pastor/Youth ..... Rev. Zack Keuthan  
Children's Ministry Director ..... Sallye Lucas  
Custodian ..... Michael Rhodes  
Librarian ..... Elly Keuthan  
Music Director ..... Keith Rose  
Musician ..... Chris Zhang  
Office Administrator ..... Beth Hill  
Pastoral Intern ..... Austin Bollinger  
Treasurer ..... Bob Johnson  
Women's Ministries..... Gail Mitchell

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