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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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 99:1-3

Elder Tim Crunk

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Only a Holy God*

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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus:

Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God. (*Chorus*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God. (*Chorus*)

* 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 Shorter Catechism Q. 29 & 30

Elder: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

People: **We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.**

Elder: How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

People: **The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.**

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.

Baptism is administered by the church in obedience to the command of Christ (Matt. 28:19-20). As a sign it represents our union with Christ, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and resulting regeneration, adoption, cleansing from sin, and resurrection, as well as our membership into the church, the body of Christ. As a seal, or guarantee, baptism confirms the promise of God in the covenant of grace to save sinners by faith.

† * **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** — *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Words and Music: Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse

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Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.
(Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.
(Chorus)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Matt Lucas

Rev. Juan Unda

Thomas Carlos Galvan

BAPTISM DOXOLOGY (vv. 2, 3)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Children of promise brought to you,
O gracious God their hearts make new.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Shield them from sin and threat'ning wrong,
And give them faith their whole lives long.
O praise you! O praise you!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Washed by the water and the blood,
Sealed with the sign from heav'n above.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O pour the Spirit out on us,
Through him renew our hearts in love.
O praise you! O praise you!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO RENEWAL — Matthew 5:16

Rev Austin Bollinger

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God Beyond All Praising,
We confess our failure to reflect your light in the world. We have neglected our solemn privilege of worship. We have performed good works to receive praise for ourselves. We have grasped at the glory that is due your name alone, forgetting that we have already received every blessing through Christ Jesus. Forgive us in his name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 2 Timothy 1:9-10

{God} saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

*** HYMN OF ASSURANCE** — *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Trinity Hymnal #528 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

My faith looks up to thee,	When ends life's transient dream,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,	When death's cold, sullen stream
Savior divine;	Shall o'er me roll,
Now hear me while I pray,	Blest Savior, then, in love,
Take all my guilt away,	Fear and distrust remove;
O let me from this day	O bear me safe above,
Be wholly thine.	A ransomed soul.

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

Children up to age 4 may be walked over to Kirkside for Children's Church

*** 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 — "A Life Lived to the Praise of God"

Rev. Matt Lucas

Ephesians 1:3-6

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5] he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

SERMON OUTLINE

God is worthy of our constant praise.

Why?

1. God has blessed us in Christ

2. God has chosen us in Christ

3. God has adopted us in Christ

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *O God, beyond All Praising*

Trinity Hymnal #660

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*** BENEDICTION**

Parents, please pick up children from Children's Church at this time.

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Gloria Patri*

Trinity Hymnal #735

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.

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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