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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 62:5-6, 8

Rev. Matt Lucas

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone)*

Words and Music: Aaron Keyes | Stuart Townend

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My soul finds rest in God alone,
My rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes,
And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,
And lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to Him who hears me.

Chorus:

O praise Him, hallelujah,
My Delight and my Reward.
Everlasting, never failing;
My Redeemer, my God.

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come, and riches go,
Don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven. (*Chorus*)

I'll set my gaze on God alone,
And trust in Him completely,
With ev'ry day pour out my soul;
And He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death,
And I am His forever. (*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, for ever. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Based on Jeremiah 32:27, Luke 18:27, Ephesians 3:20-21

Pastor: Is anything too hard for God?

People: **God made everything by the word of his power! Nothing is too hard for Him. What is impossible with man is possible with God. In fact, God can do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

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

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.

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *In Christ Alone* (vv. 1, 4)

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Boone Leigh

Christine Lita Galvan

* 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.

CALL TO RENEWAL — 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

Rev. Zack Keuthan

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God,
You have delivered us time and again. Even so, we often doubt you will continue to deliver us. Sometimes, we are so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despair of life itself. Forgive us for doubting your redeeming power and love. Help us to rely not on ourselves but on you who raises the dead. Help us to set our hope on you once again. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Hebrews 6:17-18

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson
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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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. 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.

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

Mr. Austin Bollinger

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *My God Is So Big*

Words | Music: Ruth Harms Calkin

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My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God can not do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God can not do.

The mountains are his, the rivers are his,
The stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God can not do, for you!

SERMON — *"True Hope"*

Mr. Austin Bollinger

Romans 4:13-25

[13] For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. [14] For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. [15] For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. [16] That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, [17] as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. [18] In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." [19] He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. [20] No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, [21] fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. [22] That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." [23] But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, [24] but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, [25] who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

SERMON OUTLINE

Because God's promise to inherit the world rests on grace, we must grow strong in faith to maintain hope.

In what must our faith grow to maintain hope?

1. God counts believers as righteous.

2. God gives life to the dead.

3. God calls things that are not into existence.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Trinity Hymnal #521

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (*Refrain*)

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (*Refrain*)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (*Refrain*)

BENEDICTION

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground*

Trinity Hymnal #518 (v. 1)

Christ, of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
Still in you may I be found,
Still for you my pow'rs employ,
Still for you my pow'rs employ.

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.

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 – 100 East Pinecrest Drive, 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 – 419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville, 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: *The Culture of Allurement* - Keith Rose (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* - Rev. Zack Keuthan and Andrew Melton (library)

High School: *The Culture of Allurement* - Keith Rose (fellowship hall)

Additional Connections this Week

Today	12:15 PM Care Team Meeting 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	6:00 PM Outreach & Mission Team Meeting 6:15 PM Sylvan Heights Community Group
Thursday	6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group
Friday	6:00 PM Churchwide Bowling Night @ Tar Heel Lanes
Saturday	9:30 AM Valentine's Craft Day

*The flowers today are given
to the Glory of God and in celebration of
Levi and Aubrey Friedly's 19th Wedding Anniversary.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There will be a Care Team meeting following worship today.
2. This Friday, February 3, at 6:00 PM, there will be a Church-Wide Bowling Night at Tar Heel Lanes. Bring \$10 cash for 2 games and shoes. Join us for a time of fun and fellowship.
3. Ladies, join us Saturday, February 4, from 9:30-11:00 AM for Valentine's Craft Day. Register online at refpres.org/women by January 30.
4. Look for the Souper Bowl of Caring pots in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. Leave your canned goods for IAM no later than Sunday, February 5. Monetary donations are also needed.
5. Youth Group and Children's SNL (Sunday Night Live) will resume next Sunday.
6. It's not too late to join a community group. Look for information on page 10.
7. The MS Spring Retreat is March 17-19 at Bonclarken Conference Center. Register online at <https://www.refpres.org/youth>. Contact Pastor Zack for more information.
8. If you would like to place flowers in our sanctuary in 2023, contact Tania Reid at 828.393.5005 for more information. Dates are filling up fast!

USHERS

January

Jerry Knight, Deane Potter
Eric Warren

February

Andy Coe, Tim Crunk
Chris Hill

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

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering plate)

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Address _____

I am visiting today

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Children's Ministry

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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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