



reformation  
*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*

*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. Matt Lucas

### MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** — Exodus 15:2

Rev. Austin Bollinger

The LORD is my strength and my song,  
And he has become my salvation;  
This is my God, and I will praise him,  
My father's God, and I will exalt him.

† \* **HYMN OF ADORATION** — *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Trinity Hymnal #164 (vv. 1-4)

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

**\* 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 #87**

Pastor: What is repentance that leads to life?

People: **Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and awareness of the mercy of God in Christ, turns from it to God with grief and hatred of his sin, purposing and working constantly for a new obedience.**

**† \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE — Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vv. 1, 2)**

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Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noon-tide heat  
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me:  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
Two wonders I confess,  
The wonders of redeeming love,  
And my unworthiness.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Rev. Matt Lucas

**\* 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 — “How Can I Be Saved”**

Rev. Matt Lucas

Mark 1:1-4, 14-15

[1] The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

[2] As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

[3] the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

[4] John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**SERMON OUTLINE**

Jesus alone saves from sin.

What must we do to be saved?

1. Repent of our sinful way of life.
2. Believe in Jesus for forgiveness of sins.
3. Obey Jesus out of love.

**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 assures us that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ and dearly loved.

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER—**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

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Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity, joined with power. He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more. He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more.	Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam. This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.
Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall; If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all. Not the righteous, not the righteous, Sinners Jesus came to call. Not the righteous, not the righteous, Sinners Jesus came to call.	Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His blood. Venture on Him; venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude. None but Jesus, none but Jesus, Can do helpless sinners good. None but Jesus, none but Jesus, Can do helpless sinners good.

**\* SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\* CONFESSION OF SIN**

Gracious God,  
We have sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have failed to keep your holy law. We acknowledge that the only thing we have earned by our own works is the just punishment of our sin. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. We put our faith and hope in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of our sins. We trust the sufficiency of His perfect obedience, and His saving work on the cross. Change our hearts and renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may do all the good works that you have prepared in advance for us. In Jesus's name, amen.

**\* WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Colossians 2:13-14**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Matt Lucas

### PASSAGES FOR REFLECTION

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25] In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Hebrews 9:24–28

[24] For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. [25] Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, [26] for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. [27] And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, [28] so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Psalms 23

- [1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
[2] He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
[3] He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
[4] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
[5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**The Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper is a family meal in which Jesus, as the host, offers himself and all the blessings of salvation to his people. All who trust in Christ, who are baptized members of a gospel church, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live faithfully unto God are invited to partake. However, if you are not a Christian, or not prepared to partake of this meal, we encourage you to remain in your pew and spend this time seeking God in prayer.

**Notes about partaking:**  
We come forward in groups around the table to receive the bread and wine. We eat and drink as we receive the bread and cup.

We serve a mixed tray of wine and grape juice. The outer ring contains grape juice, while the inner rings contain wine.

All bread is free of gluten, soy, dairy, nuts, and peanuts.

Psalm 116

- [1] I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- [2] Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- [3] The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- [4] Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- [5] Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- [6] The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- [7] Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- [8] For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;
- [9] I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.
- [10] I believed, even when I spoke:  
“I am greatly afflicted”;
- [11] I said in my alarm,  
“All mankind are liars.”
- [12] What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?
- [13] I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,
- [14] I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.
- [15] Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.
- [16] O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.
- [17] I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.
- [18] I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,
- [19] in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Jesus, I Come***

Words by William True Sleeper | Music by Greg Thompson

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Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into joyful psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *His Love For Us***

Words | Music: A.T. Cason

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*Refrain:*

May we grow in love, may we go with God  
To declare his word both near and far...  
May we grow in faith as we go with God  
To declare to the world his love for us  
To declare to the world his love for us

**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

We will take a break from Sunday School this summer. This will give us much needed time for training in several different ministries.

Sunday School for all ages will resume September 1.

### Meetings Scheduled for the Sunday School Hour (9:30-10:15 AM)

- July 14** Community Group Leaders Training (Basement),  
Women's Mentoring Meeting (Kitchen)
- July 21** Community Group Leaders Training (Basement),
- July 28** Community Group Leaders Training (Basement),
- August 4** Nursery Volunteer Thank you Breakfast (Kitchen)
- August 11** Women's Mentoring Meeting (Kitchen)  
Youth Volunteer Training (Multi-Purpose Room)
- August 18** Youth Volunteer Training (Multi-Purpose Room)

### Additional Connections this Week

- Tuesday**               **4:00 PM** Session Meeting  
                              **6:00 PM** Diaconate Meeting

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

#### July 7

Babies ..... Myra Johnson & Natalie Maestro  
Walkers ..... Dawn Warren & Callie Stage

#### July 14

Babies ..... Marty Reed & Briana Johnson  
Walkers ..... Carolyn Taylor & Tacy Stage

### JULY USHERS

Adan Almeida, David O'Brien,  
Chris Price

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

### JULY GREETERS

Amanda Price

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Monthly Special Offering for July will go to the Storehouse 4th of July Challenge.
2. Ladies, mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 17, at 6 PM for fun and fellowship at our Monthly Ladies Bunco Night. You can register online at [www.refpres.org/calendar-events](http://www.refpres.org/calendar-events).
3. Ladies, join us on Saturday, July 27, for hiking at Catawba Falls. We will meet in the RPC Church parking lot at 9:00 AM.
4. The Family Bible Conference will be July 29—August 1. Keynote speakers are Dr. Charles Barrett (morning) and Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas (evening). This year's theme is "Having Full Joy." *"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."* (John 15:11). Come and join us this summer at Bonclarken Conference Center as we learn how to have Christ's joy in us.  
Register at: [arpconferences.org/fbc](http://arpconferences.org/fbc).

### MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

Alec Cotton (Reformed University Fellowship)  
Appalachian State University

Please pray for:

- Our leaders and staff as we plan and prepare ministry for the fall.
- Ongoing and new relationships with students as they begin school in August.

Praise God for His faithfulness as we celebrate 25 years of RUF at Appalachian State this September.

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

- 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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## OFFICERS

### Session Members

Rev. Austin Bollinger  
Doug Dolan  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Ben Oldham  
Glen Reid  
Michael Rhodes  
David Taylor

### Diaconate Members

Levi Friedly  
Carlos Galvan  
Vern George  
**Bill Goehring**  
Kevin Keyzer  
**Jeremy Maestro**  
Bill O'Brien  
Ralph Polk

**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Matt Lucas  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Austin Bollinger  
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Director of Children's Ministries ..... Sallye Lucas  
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