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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 103:1-4

Elder Michael Rhodes

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Trinity Hymnal #457

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

* 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 — *The Heidelberg Catechism* #88-90

Elder: Of how many parts does the true conversion of man consist?

People: **Of two parts; of the mortification of the old, and the quickening of the new man.**

Elder: What is the mortification of the old man?

People: **It is a sincere sorrow of heart, that we have provoked God by our sins; and more and more to hate and flee from them.**

Elder: What is the quickening of the new man?

People: **It is a sincere joy of heart in God, through Christ, and with love and delight to live according to the will of God in all good**

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.

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 — *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Words: George Matheson | Music: Christopher Miner (vv. 1, 4)

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O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

CALL TO RENEWAL — 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Mr. Chris Price

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Redeemer,

We confess that our lips have not always been fully truthful. Our anger has not always been righteous. We have not always done our work for your glory and the good of others. At times our speech has been tainted with impurity, and we have failed to build up our brothers and sisters in Christ. And in all these sins, we have grieved the Holy Spirit. We confess this before you, and ask your forgiveness. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 1 Peter 1:18-19

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

*** HYMN OF ASSURANCE** — *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* (vv. 1-4)

Words: John Newton | Music: Laura Taylor | Arranged: Joel Littlepage

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Let us love and sing, and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies!
Called us by his grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation,
Threatens hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown;
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace, and justice,
Join and point to mercy's store!
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more:
He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Austin Bollinger

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* (vv. 1, 2)

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)

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

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 — *"Pleasing Our Redeemer"*

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Ephesians 4:25-32

[25] Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. [26] Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, [27] and give no opportunity to the devil. [28] Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. [29] Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. [30] And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31] Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. [32] Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

SERMON OUTLINE

God has sealed us for redemption with His Spirit. Therefore, we should please the Spirit by living redeemed lives.

How?

1. Live with a new pattern of speech.

a. Honest speech.

b. Edifying speech.

2. Live with a new attitude toward work.

a. Work to glorify God.

b. Work to help others.

3. Live with a new practice of self-control.

a. When we are angered by others.

b. When we are wronged by others.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Holy Spirit***

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

*** BENEDICTION**

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

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *All Must Be Well* (v. 1)**

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Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor; all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.

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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