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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 111:1, 9**

Elder Glen Reid

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Trinity Hymnal #100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

* 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 Confession of Faith* #7.2-3

Elder: How is our baptism to be improved by us?

People: **The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.**

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 — *The Church's One Foundation* (vv. 1, 2, 6)

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The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Nate Arnold

Marjorie Hooks

Abe and Jess Hudson

Karen Leightner

Cliff and Ann Marr

Levie Peterson

Elysha Theis

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Matt Lucas

Jess Hudson

Violet Hudson

Iris Hudson

Aster (Kiwi) Hudson

Bryony Hudson

BAPTISM DOXOLOGY (vv. 1, 2, 3)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him with humbleness!
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 — Hebrews 10:22

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God,
You have opened a new and living way for us through your Son Jesus Christ, and baptism illustrates this for us tangibly. And yet we fail to comprehend the fullness of this gift. Consequently, we often lack the full assurance of faith that is ours in Christ. Forgive us for neglecting our baptism. May we grow in our understanding and experience of your grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Galatians 3:27, 29

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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

*** HYMN OF ASSURANCE — Isaiah 43**

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When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire,
You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine. (*Chorus*)

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 — "Baptized into Christ"

Rev. Matt Lucas

Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:11-12; Mark 1:7-8

Romans 6:3–4

[3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:11–12

[11] In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Mark 1:7–8

[7] And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. [8] I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

SERMON OUTLINE

Baptism assures us that we belong to Christ.

1. Baptism points us to Christ.

a. Christ was baptized for us.

b. Christ defines baptism for us.

2. Baptism works by faith in Christ.

a. The Spirit reveals the grace of Christ to our faith.

b. Our faith receives Christ symbolized in baptism.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

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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 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.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
You have washed us with Your blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,
You are worthy, Lamb of God.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Blessed Assurance*

Trinity Hymnal #693 (v. 1)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

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 August 3.

Additional Connections this Week

Today	5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group
Tuesday	4:00 PM Kirkside Hall Community Group
Friday	6:00 PM Horse Shoe Community Group
Saturday	7:30 AM Men's 2/4 Study

*The flowers today are given to
the Glory of God
and in celebration of
Joy Coe's birthday, May 17th.*

MAY USHERS

Andy Coe, Mark Dugle,
Charlie Johnson, Steve Levin

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

MAY GREETERS

Abby Ronningen

Free church parking is available at the Bank of America, First Bank, Staton Law Firm, Hill Law Office, and Allstate Insurance on Church Street. Please note that the lot directly behind the Hill Law Office is paid parking. All violators will be ticketed and towed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Special Offering for May will go to our Daughter Church Plant.
2. An Officer Nomination insert is in your bulletin today. Please read through it prayerfully and submit your recommendations to the Nomination Committee (Ben Oldham, Levi Friedly, Cathy Hunt) or the church office by Sunday, June 1.
3. We are collecting money for Open Arms again this year. Please look for the Open Arms Baby Bottles in the Narthex, and fill them with your contribution. Return them by Father's Day, Sunday, June 15.
4. We will take a break from Sunday School beginning May 25 through July 27.
5. We look forward to celebrating our graduates with our annual Graduation Luncheon following worship next Sunday. The church will provide pulled pork, BBQ chicken, and dessert. Please plan to attend and check your email or go to www.perfectpotluck.com/RDPQ8362 to sign up for a suggested side dish!
6. On Sunday, June 1, during our regular Sunday school time, World Witness missionary Sebastien Benicourt will be in Kirkside making a presentation on his work with Bridge Europe among multiple nationalities. Come and get a cup of coffee and a light refreshment, and hear what the Lord is doing.
7. Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14! There will be a bridal shower for Elizabeth Dolan at the home of Tania Reid at 10:00 AM. Sign-ups to follow.
8. The Happy Life Missions Team is hosting a fundraising breakfast on Sunday, June 15, at 9:30 AM. That morning, we will also hear from Elizabeth (Liz) Dolan on the work she has been doing in Armenia over the past couple of years. Come to support the team, enjoy a great breakfast, and learn about Liz's mission time!
9. The Family Bible Conference will be July 28-31. Keynote speakers are Dr. Ben Glaser and Rev. Jeff Kingswood. This year's theme is "Worship and the Psalms." Register online at arpconferences.org/fbc-2025. Early registration ends May 31.

GET CONNECTED

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Address _____

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COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

(Continue on the back)

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