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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.

Our services are live streamed on YouTube.

Restrooms are located behind the EXIT doors on each side of the pulpit.

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 105:1-3
Elder Tim Crunk

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*
Trinity Hymnal #1

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are His folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

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

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.

* 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 — *Based on Westminster Confession of Faith 1.6*

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.

Elder: What do you believe about the sufficiency of Scripture?

People: **We believe that the whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture; unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.**

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Amazing Grace*

Trinity Hymnal #460 (vv. 1, 4)

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

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.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Proverbs 3:5-6

Rev. Austin Bollinger

> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

> Holy Lord,
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> You have given us every reason to trust you, and to fully and gladly accept your purpose and plans. Yet we are often dissatisfied with the truth you have revealed through your Word. We look for guidance and wisdom in ourselves and the voices of the world. We do not always submit ourselves to the life of faithfulness to which you have called us. Forgive us, and renew our trust in your steadfast love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 2 Peter 1:3

> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)* (vv. 1-4)

Words: Martin Luther | Music: Christopher Miner

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From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
A voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities did mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee,
O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy,
And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in my own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience,
I wait for it with patience.

What though I wait the live-long night,
And till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth,
And wait till God appeareth.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *You Are My All in All* (v. 1)

Words and Music: Dennis Jernigan © 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc. (Admin. by PraiseCharts Publishing, Inc.)

You are my strength
When I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jew'l,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Chorus:
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

* 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.

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

SERMON — *"God's Wisdom for Dating"*
Rev. Matt Lucas

Ephesians 5:22-33

[22] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

[25] Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. [28] In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, [30] because we are members of his body. [31] "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

SERMON OUTLINE

Since Gods' plan for marriage applies to dating, follow his plan.

I. The desire for dating.

II. The purpose of dating.

III. The challenge of dating.

IV. The roles of dating.

A. How guys should date

1. Lead

2. Sacrifice

3. Protect

4. Edify

B. How girls should date

1. Date a respectable guy

2. Love Christ most

3. Follow as he follows Christ

V. The Redeemer of dating.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Words: William Williams (alt. Jerry Casella) | Music: Jerry Casella

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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Strong Deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee,
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

*** BENEDICTION**

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

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Trinity Song*

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Holy Father, Son and Spirit.
Holy Communion, Three-in-one.

Come with Your peace, with Your invitation.
Bind us together in holy love. (*repeat*)

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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