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*presbyterian church*

*Easter Sunday*

April 5, 2026

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** — *He Lives*

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RPC Adult Choir and RPC Singers

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** — Psalm 22:23-24

Rev. Austin Bollinger

You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.

† \* **HYMN OF ADORATION** — *Come People of the Risen King*

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Come people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth,  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach,  
To gather children in.

*Chorus:*

Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days,  
With the certain hope of peace. (*Chorus*)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age,  
"Our God is all in all." (*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, forever. Amen.

**\* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — *The Heidelberg Catechism* #45**

Pastor: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.**

**Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.**

**Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

**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.

**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)

**† \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Worship Christ, the Risen King!***

Trinity Hymnal #286 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,  
Christ has conquered death and hell.  
Sing as all the earth rejoices;  
Resurrection anthems swell.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble,  
See the stone removed with pow'r;  
All hell's minions may assemble,  
But cannot withstand his hour.  
He has conquered, He has conquered,  
Christ the Lord, the risen King!

We acclaim your life O Jesus,  
Now we sing your victory;  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,  
But your conquest keeps us free.  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,  
Worship Christ, the risen King!

**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 — *"Faith in the Living God"***

Rev. Matt Lucas

**Scripture** — Genesis 22:1-19 (Pew Bible Page 16)

Hebrews 11:17-19 (Pew Bible Page 1008)

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

The living God raises the dead. So, live by faith in the resurrection.

1. Faith accepts God's tests.

2. Faith acts with confidence.

3. Faith receives blessing.

**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.

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

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

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RPC Adult Choir

(v. 1—Sally Warren, vv. 2-3—Adult Choir, V. 4—Choir & Congregation)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

**\* SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## \*CONFESSION OF SIN

Living God,

We believe you are working all things for our good, yet we struggle to count it all joy when we face trials of many kinds. Though you tell us to walk by faith, our flesh still inclines to walk by sight. You have promised eternal blessings beyond compare, yet we cling to the passing pleasures of this life. Forgive us, and renew our faith in our risen Savior. In His name, amen.

## \* WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Matt Lucas

### PASSAGES FOR REFLECTION

Psalm 130:1-8

[1] Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! [2] O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! [3] If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? [4] But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. [5] I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; [6] my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. [7] O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. [8] And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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.

**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.

**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.

John 14:1-6

[1] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. [4] And you know the way to where I am going." [5] Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" [6] Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

[6] Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? [7] Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. [8] Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *By Faith***

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By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.

*Chorus:*  
We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth. (*Chorus*)

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name. (*Chorus*)

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Up from the Grave He Arose***

Trinity Hymnal #276 (v. 1)

Low in the grave he lay—  
Jesus, my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day—  
Jesus, my Lord.

*Refrain:*  
Up from the grave he arose, (He arose!)  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes. (He arose!)  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! (He arose!) He arose! (He arose!)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**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

### Next Step—May 15-17

NEXT STEP is for those who want to learn more about RPC. We gather on Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday mornings to talk about our vision, beliefs, and ministries. Participating in NEXT STEP does not require you to become a member of RPC but may help in making an informed decision about membership. Next session will be May 15-17.

### Sunday School

Classes at Kirkside Hall (brick building next door), 9:30 AM; nursery provided

Adult Class: *1 & 2 Thessalonians* —Elders Tim Crunk and Glen Reid (Fellowship Hall),  
*Prayer* — Elder Michael Rhodes and Eric Warren (Sanctuary Basement)

Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes  
Pre-K—Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog (Classroom)  
K-2nd—Carly McGregor and Vickie Jenkins (Classroom)  
3rd-5th—Mitch Harper and Levi Friedly (Kitchen)

Middle School: *Foundations for Faith: A Study of the Shorter Catechism* - Chris Price (Library)

High School: *Growing in Christ's Church* - Andrew Melton and Jeremy Maestro  
(Assoc. Pastor's Office)

### Additional Connections this Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>He Is Risen!</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Flat Rock Community Group @ Kirkside Hall <b>6:30 PM</b> Jacamar Way Community Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Kirkside Community Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

#### April 5

Babies ..... Sallye Lucas and Anne Campbell Lucas  
Walkers .... Adán & Hannah Almeida and Harwin Harper

#### April 12

Babies ..... Jim & Margaret Miller  
Walkers ..... Calvin & Jocelyn Brown and Carolyn Taylor

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. In your bulletin today, you will find the ARP Easter Offering inserts. This is a long-standing tradition of ARPs showing their care and concern through giving for the benefit of Bonclarken Conference Center, Outreach North America, World Witness, and the Brice-Sanders Foundation. Please use the enclosed envelope for your donation and return it before April 30.
2. The Gates/O'Brien Shepherding Group will have a luncheon in the fellowship hall following worship next Sunday, April 12. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab. All visitors are invited to attend.
3. There will be a Church Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, April 15, from 6:00-7:30 PM. The meal will be Tostadas with all the fixings. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab or online at [refpres.org/calendar-events](http://refpres.org/calendar-events). Please bring a dessert, chips, salsa, or guacamole to complement the meal.

### Guest Musicians

Nancy George..... Harp  
Caroline Kirsch..... Flute  
Samuel Lucas..... Cello

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God.  
He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come,  
see the place where he lay.*  
Matthew 28:6

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

- RSVP to the Gates/O'Brien Group Luncheon on 4/12
- RSVP to the Fellowship Meal on 4/15
- 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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