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A Congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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.

WELCOME TO REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Christ-centered · Gospel-driven · Kingdom-focused

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 36:5, 7

Mr. Austin Bollinger

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
 your faithfulness to the clouds.
 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
 The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

HYMN OF ADORATION — *All Hail the King of Heaven*

Words and Music : Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

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6 All hail the King of hea-ven Christ the Lord of all; Whom thun d'ring an-gels
 All hail the great Re-deem-er, who so hum-bly came; the Lamb of our sal-
 Let praise of na-tions rise now as a sym-pho-ny, to sound the end-less

11 cir-cle 'round a-blaze with awe. Let now the hal-le-lu-jah of
 va-tion O for sin-ners slain. Let now the loud ho-san-na re-
 won-ders of His ma-jes-ty. Let ev-ery heart a-dore Him, the

16 Earth in glad re-frain as-cend the throne; to Him be-longs im-mor-tal
 sound from shore to shore. You na-tions say, "His king-dom reigns for-e-ver
 great and small the same. Through gen-er-a-tions c-ver let His an-them

21 praise. All hail the King of hea-ven; Cre-a-tion joins to-geth-er-Let
 more." ring!

2 end-less prais-es crown His name; All hail the King of hea-ven.

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 — 1 John 4:8b-11

Leader: Does God really love us?

People: **God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Trinity Hymnal #529 (vv. 1-3)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down: Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.	Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.
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Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

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.

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.

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 — 1 John 2:6

Rev. Zack Keuthan

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus,
By your grace, we have come to know you and abide in you. Forgive us for the ways we do not walk as you walked. You walked humbly. We often walk arrogantly. You obeyed. We often disobey. You put others first. We often put ourselves first. You loved. We often do not walk in love. Heal us that we might walk more and more like you. In your name, we pray. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *His Mercy Is More*

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus:
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. (*Chorus*)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. (*Chorus*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

Trinity Hymnal #189 (v. 1)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

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. 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

SERMON — "Is God's Love Enough?"

Rev. Matt Lucas

John 13:1-38

[1] Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2] During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, [3] Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, [4] rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. [5] Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. [6] He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" [7] Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." [8] Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." [9] Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10] Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." [11] For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

[12] When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? [13] You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. [16] Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. [17] If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. [18] I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' [19] I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. [20] Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

[21] After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." [22] The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. [23] One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, [24] so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. [25] So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" [26] Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. [27] Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." [28] Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. [29] Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. [30] So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

[31] When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. [32] If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. [33] Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' [34] A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. [35] By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

[36] Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." [37] Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." [38] Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times."

SERMON NOTES

Jesus loves his disciples to death. A disciple of Jesus must:

1. Receive his love.

a. The love of a Servant who cleanses

b. The love of a Friend who was betrayed

2. Give his love.

a. As a servant in his likeness

b. As a disciple full of his love

HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

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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 light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshines blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless 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.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

Trinity Hymnal #644 (vv. 1, 4)

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

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.

GET CONNECTED

Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes. (Start Dates)

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM - Contact: John Gates, 907.244.7709 (9/18)

25 Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, 5:00 PM - Contact: Eddie Reed, 804.452.0920 (9/25)

Mondays – 1915 Little River Road, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM - Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004 (9/26)

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM - Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062 (9/13)

Wednesdays – 1034 Sylvan Blvd, 6:15 PM - Contact: Zack Keuthan, 828.702.6807 (9/7)

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 1232 Olde Chanteloup Ct, 6:00 PM - Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533 (9/16)

Next Step

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 TBD.

Sunday School

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

Adult: *Life's Difficulties: God's Perspective* - Rev. Boone Leigh

Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes

Pre-K: Nancy George, Hayley Bollinger, and Beth Hill

K-2nd: Sallye Lucas, Marie Pender, and Marty Reed

3rd-5th: Crystal Goldsmith, Jeremy Maestro, and Levi Friedly

Middle School: *That I Am Not My Own: Heidelberg Catechism #1* - Tyler Blohm

High School: *That You May Know: The Letters of John* - Pastor Zack

Additional Connections this Week

Today	5:00-6:30 PM SNL and RefPresYouth
Tuesday	4:00-5:30 PM Kirkside Hall Community Group
Wednesday	6:15-7:30 PM Sylvan Heights Community Group 7:30 PM RPC Softball @ Jackson Park (Field 9)
Friday	7:00-8:30 PM Visitor's Dessert @ the Lucas'
Friday-Sunday	High School Retreat @ Bonclarken
Saturday	7:30 AM 2/4 Men's Study

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. It's not too late to sign-up for a community group this fall. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.
2. There will be a Visitor's Dessert at the Lucas home (102 Mary Place, Flat Rock) on Friday, September 23, at 7:00 PM. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tab, or contact the office.
3. The HS Fall Retreat begins this Friday. Contact Pastor Zack for more information.
4. Do you enjoy playing or singing worship music? Are you interested in learning more about the music at RPC? Join us for an evening of praise at the Leigh household on September 30 at 7:00 PM. Bring an instrument to play or just come to sing along.
5. The Men's Fall Retreat is October 7 & 8 at Camp Greystone. The guest speaker for this is Rick Thomas. You can register online at refpres.org/men. Contact John Gates for more information.
6. The Women's Fall Fellowship is Saturday, October 15, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at Camp Greystone. The guest speaker for this event is Paula Miles. You can register online at refpres.org/women. Contact Bethany Phillis for more information.

USHERS

September
Ben Oldham, Deane Potter,
Eric Warren

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

*The flowers are given today to the Glory of God, and in
celebration of the wonders of His creation.*

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering plate)

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RSVP to VISITOR'S DESSERT

I am visiting today

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COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

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