



reformation  
*presbyterian church*

March 8, 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

Mr. Chris Zhang

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Austin Bollinger

### MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 29:2, 11

Elder Michael Rhodes

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

#### † \* 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 Shorter Catechism #82**

Elder: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?  
People: **No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.**

**† \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE — Jehovah's Perfect Law**

Trinity Hymnal #151 (vv. 1, 5) Tune: Rejoice the Lord Is King

Jehovah's perfect law restores the soul again;  
His testimony sure gives wisdom unto men;  
The precepts of the Lord are right,  
And fill the heart with great delight.  
Whene'er you search my life, may all my thoughts within  
And all the words I speak your full approval win.  
O Lord, you are a Rock to me,  
And my Redeemer you shall be.

**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 — Psalm 1:1, 2

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Divine Lawgiver,  
You alone are holy, perfect, just, and true. We are sinners who daily fall short of your glory. You have planted your Word in our hearts by your Spirit and you triumphed over sin on our behalf. But we still succumb to the world, our own flesh, and the temptations of the devil. Forgive us Lord, and renew a right spirit within us. In Jesus' name, amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Romans 4:7-8

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;  
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

### \* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Trinity Hymnal #498 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:*

Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(Refrain)*

Jesus! I do now receive him,  
More than all in him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am his, and he is mine. *(Refrain)*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mr. Chris Price

*Children up to age 4 may be taken over to Kirkside for Children's Church.*

## CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Jesus Strong and Kind*

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Jesus said  
That if I thirst,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy,  
I should come to him.

Jesus said  
If I am weak,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength,  
I should come to him.

*Chorus:*  
For the Lord is good and faithful.  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus.  
Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said  
That if I fear,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield.  
I should come to him. *(Chorus)*

Jesus said  
If I am lost,  
He will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross,  
He will come to me. *(Chorus x 2)*

### **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.

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

**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)

#### \* 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 — *“Kingdom Living”*

Mr. Chris Price

#### SCRIPTURE — Matthew 7:12-14

[12] “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

[13] “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. [14] For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

#### SERMON OUTLINE

Jesus enables his church to live life in God’s Kingdom. Depend on him!

How does Jesus enable us to live life in the Kingdom?

1. Jesus enables us to obey the Golden Rule.

2. Jesus enables us to enter the narrow gate.

3. Jesus enables us to walk the difficult way.

**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

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What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom.  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

**\* BENEDICTION**

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

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Trinity Hymnal #654 (v. 3)

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

**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)

### Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies.

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM—Contact: Ben Oldham, 912.531.5864

Mondays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:30 PM—Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004  
419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville, 6:30 PM—Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM—Contact: Jamie Hunt, 704.578.1862

Wednesdays - 119 Sunset Hill Drive, Etowah, NC, 6:30 PM—Contact: Austin Bollinger, 828.845.0798

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:00 PM—Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533

### Additional Connections this Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Youth Group or SNL <b>5:00 PM</b> Boyd Drive Community Group
<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>First Presbytery Meeting at Crowders Creek ARP</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 <b>6:30 PM</b> Etowah Community Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> Easter Choir Practice

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Youth Group and SNL will not meet tonight.

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH**

RPC supports three Reformed University Ministries (RUF) in North Carolina.

Pray for growth and spiritual revival for –

- Alec Cotton and the RUF ministry at Appalachian State University in Boone.
- Josh Grimm and the RUF ministry at Queens College in Charlotte.
- Andrew Shank and the RUF ministry at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee.

*The flowers today are given  
to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of David and Mary O'Brien's  
53rd Wedding Anniversary.*

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

### March 8

Babies.....Sallye Lucas & Beth Hill  
Walkers .....Andrew & Allie Manning Melton

### March 15

Babies..... Natalie Maestro and Rhoda Levine  
Walkers .....Cindi Faga and Lauren Cason

### March 22

Babies..... Boone & Ann Leigh  
Walkers ..... Amanda Price, Avery and Dyna Price

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.

## GET CONNECTED

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I am visiting today

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Community Groups

Membership

Men's Ministry

Missions/Outreach

Music Ministry

Women's Ministry

Youth Ministry

Receive a call from a pastor

## COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

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## OFFICERS

### Session Members

Rev. Austin Bollinger  
Tim Crunk  
Doug Dolan  
Kevin Keyzer  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Ben Oldham  
Glen Reid  
Michael Rhodes  
Keith Rose

### Diaconate Members

Seth Brown  
**Levi Friedly**  
Carlos Galvan  
Vern George  
Adam Glenn  
Bill Goehring  
Mitch Harper  
Jeremy Maestro  
Bill O'Brien  
Tim Petree

**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor .....Rev. Matt Lucas  
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