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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*** CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 13:1, 5-6**

Rev. Austin Bollinger

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Trinity Hymnal #16 (vv. 1-4)

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| Come, let us sing unto the Lord | He called to mind his truth and grace |
| New songs of praise with sweet accord; | In promise made to Israel's race; |
| For wonders great by him are done, | And unto earth's remotest bound |
| His hand and arm have vict'ry won. | Glad tidings of salvation sound. |
| The great salvation of our God | All lands, to God lift up your voice; |
| Is seen through all the earth abroad; | Sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice; |
| Before the heathen's wond'ring sight | With voice of joy and loud acclaim |
| He has revealed his truth and right. | Let all unite and praise his name. |

* 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 — *Heidelberg Catechism* #123

Pastor: When Jesus teaches us to pray, "Your kingdom come," what are we praying for?

People: **Your kingdom come means, rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all.**

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* (vv.1, 4)

Words: George Matheson | Music: Christopher Miner

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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 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.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

*** 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 — "The End of the Story"

Rev. Matt Lucas

SCRIPTURE — Daniel 12:1-13
(Pew Bible pages 750)

SERMON OUTLINE

The Lord gives encouragement for the long-haul, so that we go on living for him.

What encouragement does the Lord give?

1. An end to all our troubles

2. True wisdom for endurance

3. Salvation to everlasting life

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.

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Trinity Hymnal #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

* SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord,

You have been our dwelling place for all generations; to you, a thousand years is like a day. But we confess that our troubles seem to last for eternity. Our hearts grow weary and faint. We despair of the hope of salvation. Give us a heart of wisdom. Let us be satisfied in your love. May we rejoice in you all our days. In your name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Hebrews 9:27-28

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Matt Lucas

PASSAGES FOR REFLECTION

1 Corinthians 10:14–17

[14] Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. [15] I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. [16] The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? [17] Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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.

John 6:25–35

[25] When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" [26] Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. [27] Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." [28] Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" [29] Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." [30] So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? [31] Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" [32] Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. [33] For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." [34] They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." [35] Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

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.

Isaiah 53:1-12

[1] Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [2] For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. [3] He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [4] Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. [7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. [8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? [9] And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. [10] Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. [11] Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. [12] Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Trinity Hymnal #521

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (*Refrain*)

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (*Refrain*)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (*Refrain*)

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.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *The Gates of Hell Will Not Prevail*

Words | Music by Keith & Ruby Rose (v. 1)

God has called his peo-ple to him Cho-sen by his lov-ing grace Ju-sti-fied by Christ a-
lone to ev - er live be-fore his face. And the gates of hell will not pre - vail for_
Christ will go be-fore us. And the bat - tle's won for he
will not fail. We are cer - tain of his pro - mise.

POSTLUDE

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.

Additional Connections this Week

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| Today | 3:00 PM Memorial Service for Cathey Bell Johnson |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM Outreach and Missions Committee Meeting |
| Thursday | 6:00 PM Women's Ministry Team Meeting |

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

August 3

Babies Mitch and Marcesa Harper
Walkers..... Crystal Goldsmith & Cindy Crunk

August 10

Babies Carlos and Caroline Galvan
Walkers..... Matt and Sallye Lucas

AUGUST USHERS

Charlie Johnson, Tim Petree
Steve Stage

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

AUGUST GREETER

Abby Ronningen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The monthly offering for August will go to Operation Christmas Child. Packing boxes and labels are available in the Kirkside Hall. August is a great time to pick up items for back to school sales.
2. There will be a memorial service for Cathey Bell Johnson at 3:00 PM today. A reception will follow in Kirkside Hall.
3. Construction on the Sanctuary is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 4th. This will mark the start of phase one on the exterior.
4. Please note that when the interior phase begins, we will hold worship services in Kirkside Hall. There will be two services: one at 9:00 AM and another at 11:00 AM.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Reformed University Fellowship

This month, please be praying for the RUF Campus Ministries and Ministers in North Carolina supported by RPC. During August the ministers and their interns will be building relationships with new and returning students, planning for large and small group meetings and seeking to advance the gospel on their college campuses.

- Appalachian State - Rev. Alec Cotton
- Queens University - Rev. Josh Grimm
- Western Carolina University - Rev Andrew Shank

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

(Place in offering box)

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Address _____

☐ 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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