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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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 105:1, 8

Elder Glen Reid

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *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)*

* 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 Confession of Faith* #7.2-3

Elder: What are the covenants God has made with us?

People: **The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, in which life was promised to Adam, and in him, to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.**

Since man, by his fall, made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was then pleased to make a second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace. In it God freely offers life and salvation by Jesus Christ to sinners, requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give His Holy Spirit to all those who are ordained to eternal life, to make them willing and able to believe.

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.

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *How Firm a Foundation*
Trinity Hymnal #94 (vv. 1, 6)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Colossians 3:23
Rev. Austin Bollinger

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most High God,

There is no one like you, who so faithfully keeps your covenant. Yet we are often dismayed by unfaithfulness. We do not know how to respond to those who disregard their responsibilities. We sometimes fail to uphold our own responsibilities. Forgive us for our unfaithfulness and teach us by your Word and Spirit how to live faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

*** HYMN OF ASSURANCE** — *The Lord Is My Salvation* (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)
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The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus:

Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation (*Chorus*)

Glory be to God, the Father
Glory be to God, the Son
Glory be to God, the Spirit
The Lord is our Salvation
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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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day* (vv. 1-3)

Words: Jane Leeson | Music: Karen Kuykendall

Savior, teach me day by day
Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
Loving Him who first loved me.

Teach me thus Thy steps to trace,
Strong to follow in Thy grace,
Learning how to love from Thee,
Loving Him who first loved me.

With a child's glad heart of love
At Thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow Thee,
Loving Him who first loved me.

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.

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 — *“Responsibilities in Relationships”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Galatians 6:1-5

[1] Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. [2] Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. [3] For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. [4] But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. [5] For each will have to bear his own load.

SERMON OUTLINE

God has defined our responsibilities in relationships.

1. Everyone is responsible to others.

2. Everyone is responsible for themselves.

3. Everyone is responsible to Christ..

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Holy Spirit***

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Step by Step***

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O God, You are my God, And I will ever praise You.	I will seek You in the morning, And I will learn to walk in Your ways;
O God, You are my God, And I will ever praise You.	And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days.

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

Sunday School

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

Adult Class: *Galatians*—Tim Crunk & Ben Oldham (Fellowship Hall),
Marriage—Last Class May 4

Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes
Pre-K—Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog (Classroom)
K-2nd—Mary Keyzer, Sallye Lucas, and Jada Edwards (Kitchen)
3rd-5th—Mitch Harper and Levi Friedly (Library)

Middle School: *Justification*—Chris Price (Multi-Purpose Room)

High School: *The Beatitudes*—Austin Bollinger (Associate Pastor's Office)

Additional Connections this Week

Today	5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group
Monday	4:00 PM Session Meeting
Tuesday	4:00 PM Kirkside Hall Community Group 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 PM Ladies Bunco Night
Saturday	9:00 AM-12:30 PM RPC Church Workday 5:00-9:00 PM End of School Year Youth Event

This morning, we give thanks for all mothers—those present with us today and those who now rest in glory. We especially remember and honor Astrid Ohanian, beloved mother of Linda Dolan, whose memory lives on in the lives she touched with grace, wisdom, and warmth. As we mark both Mother's Day and what would have been Astrid's birthday tomorrow, we celebrate a life well-lived and the enduring love of a mother. May these flowers reflect the beauty of her legacy and the sacrifices of all mothers.

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. The Special Offering for May will go to our Daughter Church Plant.
2. Look for the Open Arms Baby Bottles in the Narthex. See more information on the insert in your bulletin.
3. Ladies, don't forget to sign up for Bunco Night @ www.refpres.org/women. It's this Thursday, May 15!
4. The RPC Church Workday is this Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM! Check the link in your email, sign up online at www.refpres.org/calendar-events, or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. Lunch will be provided.
5. All RefPres Youth are invited to a night of food and games this Saturday, May 17, in Kirkside Hall, from 5:00-9:00 PM. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Austin Bollinger.
6. Next Sunday, May 18, is Promotion Sunday. Join us in the fellowship hall for a short presentation at 9:30 AM.
7. We will take a break from Sunday School beginning May 25 through July 27.
8. We look forward to celebrating our graduates with our annual Graduation Luncheon following worship on Sunday, May 25. The church will provide pulled pork, BBQ chicken, and dessert. Please plan to attend and check your email or go to www.perfectpotluck.com/RDPQ8362 to sign up for a suggested side dish!
9. Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14! There will be a bridal shower for Elizabeth Dolan at the home of Tania Reid at 10:00 AM. Sign-ups to follow.

APRIL USHERS

Mark Dugle, Charlie Johnson,
Steve Levin, David O'Brien
Valet Parking is available
between—10:15 - 10:40 am

APRIL GREETERS

Abby Ronningen

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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)

OFFICERS

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Kevin Keyzer
Rev. Matt Lucas
Ben Oldham
Glen Reid
David Taylor

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Bill Goehring
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