



reformation  
*presbyterian church*

February 25, 2024

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 62:5, 8

Mr. Austin Bollinger

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.

#### † \* HYMN OF ADORATION — *O Worship the King* Trinity Hymnal #2 (1, 2, 4, 5)

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

### \* 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 — Based on Romans 8:16-17

Pastor: How do you know that you are a child of God?

People: **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.**

#### **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.

## † \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone)*

Words and Music: Aaron Keyes | Stuart Townend (vv. 1, 3)

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My soul finds rest in God alone,  
My rock and my salvation,  
A fortress strong against my foes,  
And I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,  
And lies, like arrows, pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;  
I'll look to Him who hears me.

*Chorus:*

O praise Him, hallelujah,  
My Delight and my Reward.  
Everlasting, never failing;  
My Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone,  
And trust in Him completely,  
With ev'ry day pour out my soul;  
And He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath,  
A sigh too brief to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death,  
And I am His forever. (*Chorus*)

## CALL TO RENEWAL — James 1:2-3

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,  
for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Faithful Creator,

You alone are perfectly trustworthy, but we do not always trust you. We more readily pour out our hearts to our fellow creatures than to you, our Maker and Defender. We do not receive our trials joyfully, despite your promise that the testing of our faith produces steadfastness. We are overwhelmed and discouraged by light, momentary affliction. Cleanse us of our sin by the power of your blood. Strengthen our weak hands and make firm our feeble knees. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear. In Jesus's name, amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Titus 3:5

“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.”

## \* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

Trinity Hymnal #246

Man of Sorrows! what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned he stood,  
Sealed my pardon with his blood:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was he;  
Full atonement! can it be?  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die,  
"It is finished!" was his cry:  
Now in heav'n exalted high:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,  
All his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

**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.

### 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.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

**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)

## CHILDREN’S HYMN — *Blessed Be Your Name*

Words and Music: Beth Redman | Matt Redman

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Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

*Pre-Chorus:* Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll  
Turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,

*Chorus:* “Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

## 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 — *“Rethinking Suffering”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

1 Peter 4:12-19

[12] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. [15] But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. [16] Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian,

let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. [17] For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? [18] And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

[19] Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

## SERMON OUTLINE

God leads his beloved children down the path of suffering. Therefore, we should entrust ourselves to him.

Why does he lead us down the path of suffering?

1. To purify true faith.

2. To bless true faith.

3. To reveal true faith.



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *How Firm a Foundation*

Trinity Hymnal #94 (vv. 1-4)

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?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Be Still My Soul*

Trinity Hymnal #689 (v. 1)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

**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

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 is scheduled for May 3-5.

## Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes.

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

Mondays – 1915 Little River Road, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM—Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004

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

(1st & 3rd) 269 Canterbury Way, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM—Contact: Boone Leigh, 828.421.9970

Wednesdays – 217 N. Whitted St, Hendersonville, 6:30 PM—Contact: Adam Glenn, 843.489.5022

Thursdays – 419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville,, 6:30 PM—Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

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

## Sunday School

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

Adult Class: *1 Kings*—Michael Rhodes and David Taylor (Fellowship Hall),  
*Foundations of the Faith* — Pastor Matt (Sanctuary Basement)

Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes

Pre-K: Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog (Classroom)

K-2nd: Mary Keyzer, Marie Pender, and Marty Reed (Classroom)

3rd-5th: Jeremy Maestro and Levi Friedly (Kitchen)

Middle School: *Who Says? A Study of the Doctrine of Scripture* - Tyler Blohm (Multi-Purpose Room)

High School: *How to Talk About Jesus* - Austin Bollinger (Associate Pastor's Office)

## Additional Connections this Week

**Today** 12:00PM Women's Mentoring Interest Meeting

5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group

5:00 PM Refpres Youth & SNL

**Monday** 10:00AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days

6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group

**Tuesday** 4:00 PM Kirkside Hall Community Group

**Wednesday** 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

6:30 PM Whitted St. Community Group

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

**Thursday** 10:00AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days

6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group

**Friday** 7:30 AM Friday Kirkside Community Group

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Prepare your hearts for the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Please consider the following passages before coming to the table: 1 Corinthians 10:16-22, 11:27-29; Matthew 5:23-24; The special offering for March will go to Interfaith Assistance Ministry.
2. Women's Ministry is hosting a lunch following worship today, for any ladies interested in mentoring or being mentored.
3. We will begin adult choir again to prepare for Holy Week! Rehearsals will be 5:15 pm-6:00 pm on Thursdays in Kirkside Hall throughout the month of March. Speak to Keith Rose if you're interested in participating.
4. Ladies, save the date to enjoy a weekend of rest, worship, fellowship, and food in Black Mountain on April 12-13. You can sign up online: [refpres.org/women](http://refpres.org/women). Contact Leah Vanderpool for more information.

*The flowers today are given to the  
Glory of God,  
and in honor of the Bollinger Family.*

*"And I will give you shepherds  
after my own heart, who will feed you  
with knowledge and understanding."*

*Jeremiah 3:15*

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

### February 25

Babies ..... Adam and Sloan Glenn  
Walkers..... Eric and Sally Warren

### March 3

Babies ..... Elly Keuthan & Bethany Phillis  
Walkers..... Sallye Lucas & Allie Manning Lucas

## FEBRUARY USHERS

Tim Crunk, Bob Johnson, Rick Spindler

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

## FEBRUARY GREETER

Bronlynn Spindler

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### 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

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## OFFICERS

### Session Members

Doug Dolan  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Ben Oldham  
Glen Reid  
Michael Rhodes  
David Taylor

### Diaconate Members

Levi Friedly  
Carlos Galvan  
Vern George  
Bill Goehring  
Kevin Keyzer  
**Jeremy Maestro**  
Bill O'Brien  
Ralph Polk

**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor .....Rev. Matt Lucas  
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