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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 145:18, 21**

Elder Glen Reid

The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

† * 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 1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Elder: What is Christian love?

People: **Christian love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Here Is Love* (vv. 1, 4)

Words: William Rees & William Edwards | Music: Robert Lowry
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Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting,
As I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring
Thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

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.

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.

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 — Philippians 2:1-4

Rev. Austin Bollinger

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus,

You are the only friend who demonstrates perfect love. Through your life and death you show us how we ought to love others. But we confess that we do not love perfectly. We do not serve one another perfectly. There are often divisions and tension among us even as believers. And we are at times unfaithful in our friendships. Forgive us Lord, and help us to love as you loved us. In your name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — John 15:15-16

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

Words: John Newton | Music: Alexander Reinagle | Arrangement: Bill Moore (vv. 1-3, 5)

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast.
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear name, the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding Place.
My never failing Treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

CHILDREN'S HYMN— *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Trinity Hymnal # 629 (v. 1)

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer.

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.

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 — *"Faithful Friends"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

1 Samuel 18:1-9

[1] As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. [2] And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. [3] Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. [4] And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. [5] And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

[6] As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. [7] And the women sang to one another as they celebrated,

"Saul has struck down his thousands,
and David his ten thousands."

[8] And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" [9] And Saul eyed David from that day on.

1 Samuel 20:1-17

[1] Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came and said before Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?" [2] And he said to him, "Far from it! You shall not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me. And why should my father hide this from me? It is not so." [3] But David vowed again, saying, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he thinks, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death." [4] Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you say, I will do for you." [5] David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit at table with the king. But let me go, that I may hide myself in the field till the third day at evening. [6] If

your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlehem his city, for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the clan.' [7] If he says, 'Good!' it will be well with your servant, but if he is angry, then know that harm is determined by him. [8] Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is guilt in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?" [9] And Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! If I knew that it was determined by my father that harm should come to you, would I not tell you?" [10] Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me if your father answers you roughly?" [11] And Jonathan said to David, "Come, let us go out into the field." So they both went out into the field.

[12] And Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if he is well disposed toward David, shall I not then send and disclose it to you? [13] But should it please my father to do you harm, the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May the LORD be with you, as he has been with my father. [14] If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the LORD, that I may not die; [15] and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth." [16] And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD take vengeance on David's enemies." [17] And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

SERMON OUTLINE

Friendship is a commitment based on love.

What makes friendship endure?

1. Commitment to protect each other's vulnerability.
2. Commitment to help each other sacrificially.
3. Commitment to pursue each other's ultimate good.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *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 strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (*Refrain*)

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*)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *We Are Called to Be God's People* (v. 1)

Words: Thomas A. Jackson | Music: Franz Joseph Haydn

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We are called to be God's people,
Showing by our lives His grace;
One in heart and one in spirit,
Sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us,
And remade us as His own;
Let us share our life together
As we shall around His throne.

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

We are taking a break from Sunday School this summer. This will give us much needed time for training in several different ministries.

Sunday School for all ages will resume September 1.

Meetings Scheduled for the Sunday School Hour (9:30-10:15 AM)

- August 4** Nursery Volunteer Thank you Breakfast (Kitchen)
Teacher Training Workshop (Sanctuary Basement)
- August 11** Women's Mentoring Meeting (Kitchen)
Youth Volunteer Training (Multi-Purpose Room)
Teacher Training Workshop (Sanctuary Basement)
- August 18** Youth Volunteer Training (Multi-Purpose Room)

Additional Connections this Week

Monday-Thursday Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken Conference Center

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

July 28

Babies Crystal Goldsmith & Cindy Crunk
Walkers..... Ben and Melissa Ingelse

August 4

Babies Jordan and Charity Williams
Walkers..... Eric and Sally Warren

JULY USHERS

Adan Almeida, David O'Brien,
Chris Price Nicholai Ronningen

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

JULY GREETERS

Amanda Price

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 monthly offering for August will go to our Daughter Church Plant.
2. Today the Deacons are preparing the sanctuary for our structural engineer, who comes tomorrow. Please exit the sanctuary as quickly as possible following worship so scaffolding can be set in place.
3. The Family Bible Conference is this week at the Bonclarken Conference Center. Keynote speakers are Dr. Charles Barrett (morning) and Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas (evening). This year's theme is "Having Full Joy." More information can be found at arpconferences.org/fbc.
4. Come pray for the church plant! Wednesdays in August. Kirkside. 5:45-6:30pm. Childcare provided. No meal.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all military men and women who are currently serving or have previously served.

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.

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Missions/Outreach

Music Ministry

Women's Ministry

Youth Ministry

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COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

(Continue on the back)

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