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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 113:1, 4-6**

Elder Glen Reid

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *How Great Thou Art*

Trinity Hymnal #44

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *(Refrain)*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *(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 Larger Catechism #7*

Elder: What is God?

People: **God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every where present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.**

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 — *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

Trinity Hymnal #57 (vv. 1, 2)

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| Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days. Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend; He shall die, to dust returning, And his purposes shall end. | Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid; He is blessed whose hope of blessing On the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord created, Seas and all that they contain; He delivers from oppression, Righteousness he will maintain. |
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CALL TO RENEWAL — Exodus 15:11-13

Mr. Chris Price

“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.

“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father,
You are incomparable, great, and glorious. Yet, in the pride of our hearts, we often find ourselves ungrateful, lacking in reverence, and unmoved by your majesty. We are guilty, helpless, and desperate, but we stubbornly resist your grace. Forgive us and renew our hearts and minds. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 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, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*** HYMN OF ASSURANCE — Isaiah 43**

Words | Music: Author Unknown

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When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you walk through the fire,
You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine. (*Chorus*)

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

Children up to age 4 may be walked over to Kirkside for Children's Church

CHILDREN'S HYMN—Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (vv. 1, 5)

Words: John Newton | Music: Laura Taylor | Arranged: Joel Littlepage

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Let us love and sing, and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
You have washed us with Your blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,
You are worthy, Lamb of God.

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

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 — *“Seeing the Incomparable One”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Isaiah 40:9-31

[9] Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” [10] Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. [11] He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

[12] Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? [13] Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? [14] Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? [15] Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust. [16] Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, or are its beasts enough for a burnt offering. [17] All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

[18] To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? [19] An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. [20] He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.

[21] Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? [22] It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; [23] who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. [24] Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely

has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

[25] To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. [26] Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

[27] Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? [28] Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. [29] He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. [30] Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; [31] but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

SERMON OUTLINE

The remedy for spiritual pride is to behold the incomparable God.

When you look upon the Lord, who should you see?

1. The unimpressed need to see the greatness of God above all.

- a. Compared to the cosmos

- b. Compared to the nations

c. Compared to human knowledge

d. Compared to false gods

2. The unconvinced need to see the goodness of God towards them.

a. His inexhaustible ability to care for you

b. His inexhaustible power given to you

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Behold Our God***

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Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (*Chorus*)

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (*Chorus*)

*** BENEDICTION**

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

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *To God Be the Glory***

Trinity Hymnal # 55 (v. 1.)

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!

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)

Additional Connections this Week

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| Today | 12:15 PM Gates/O'Brien Shepherding Group Luncheon 5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group 5:00 PM RefPres Youth Group |
| Monday | 6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group @ Kirkside Hall 6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group |
| Tuesday | 4:00 PM Kirkside Community Group |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal |

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

April 12

BabiesJim & Margaret Miller
Walkers Calvin & Jocelyn Brown and Carolyn Taylor

April 19

BabiesBriana Johnson and Jada Edwards
WalkersHayley Bollinger, Tacy & Cora Stage

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. April's monthly special offering will go to the ARP Easter Offering Fund. You can find more information and envelopes in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. This is a long-standing tradition of ARPs showing their care and concern by donating to benefit Bonclarken Conference Center, Outreach North America, World Witness, and the Brice-Sanders Foundation. Please return your donation before April 30.
2. The Gates/O'Brien Shepherding Group will have a luncheon in the fellowship hall following worship today. All visitors are invited to attend.
3. There will be a Church Fellowship Meal this Wednesday, April 15, from 6:00-7:30 PM. The meal will be tostadas with all the fixings. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab or online at refpres.org/calendar-events by today. Please bring a dessert, chips, salsa, or guacamole to complement the meal.
4. Join us for the Church Workday on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. Sign up online at refpres.org/calendar-events or on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. Lunch will be provided.
5. NEXT STEP is May 15-17. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab, to the church office, or to Austin Bollinger by May 10 if you plan to attend.

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God,
by Kevin and Mary Keyzer,
in celebration of God's Grace during
the past 26 years of their marriage.*

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name _____

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- RSVP to the Fellowship Meal on 4/15
- RSVP to the Next Step May 15-17
- 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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