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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 98:4-5**

Elder Keith Rose

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

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

Trinity Hymnal #16 (vv. 1-4)

Come, let us sing unto the Lord
New songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by him are done,
His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God
Is seen through all the earth abroad;
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight
He has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace
In promise made to Israel's race;
And unto earth's remotest bound
Glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice;
Sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;
With voice of joy and loud acclaim
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 — Westminster Larger Catechism #75**

Elder: What is sanctification?

People: **Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath before the foundation of the world chosen to be holy, are in time through the powerful operation of his Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin and rise unto newness of life.**

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 — *God of Grace* (vv. 1, 2)

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God of grace, amazing wonder,
Irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy,
Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder,
As my God restores my soul:
His own blood has paid my ransom,
Awesome cost to make me whole.
God of grace, who loved and knew me
Long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven:
Perfect God and perfect Man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus,
I'm accepted as His own.
Ev'ry day new grace sustains me
As I lean on Him alone.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Romans 12:1-2

Mr. Chris Price

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father,
Though we have sung your praises this morning, we often sin in our speech: with corrupt talk, unkind words, half-truths, gossip, and neglected opportunities to glorify your name. Despite your many blessings we let ingratitude dwell in our hearts, fostering discontent and covetousness. We do not consistently defer to one another in love. Forgive us by the blood of your Son and renew us by your Spirit. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Blessed Assurance*

Trinity Hymnal #693

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Refrain*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*Refrain*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day* (vv. 1, 2)

Words: Jane Leeson | Music: Karen Kuykendall

Savior, teach me day by day	With a child's glad heart of love
Love's sweet lesson to obey;	At Thy bidding may I move,
Sweeter lesson cannot be,	Prompt to serve and follow Thee,
Loving Him who first loved me.	Loving Him who first loved me.

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.

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.

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www.refpres.org

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

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 — *“Living Under the Influence”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Ephesians 5:18-21

[18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, [19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, [20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, [21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

SERMON OUTLINE

God wants his children to live under the influence of the Spirit.
Therefore, be filled with the Spirit.

What does the Spirit filled life look like?

1. Singing psalms, hymns, and songs

a. To one another

b. To the Lord

2. Giving thanks to the Father

a. Always

b. For everything

3. Submitting to one another

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *In Christ Alone***

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*** BENEDICTION**

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

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Now Thank We All Our God***

Trinity Hymnal #98 (v. 3)

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven—
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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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