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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.

Our services are live streamed on YouTube.

Restrooms are located behind the EXIT doors on each side of the pulpit.

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 128:1, 5

Elder Tim Crunk

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Trinity Hymnal #116 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon and stars of light, *(Refrain)*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
(Refrain)

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, *(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 Shorter Catechism* #2 & 3

Elder: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

People: **The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

Elder: What do the scriptures principally teach?

People: **The scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Jehovah's Perfect Law*
Trinity Hymnal #151 (vv. 1, 5) Tune: Rejoice the Lord Is King

Jehovah's perfect law restores the soul again;
His testimony sure gives wisdom unto men;
The precepts of the Lord are right,
And fill the heart with great delight.

Whene'er you search my life, may all my thoughts within
And all the words I speak your full approval win.
O Lord, you are a Rock to me,
And my Redeemer you shall be.

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.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Philippians 2:3

Rev. Austin Bollinger

> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

> Heavenly Father,
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> We confess we sometimes fail to trust your good design for marriage. We hold on to selfish ambition and conceit. In pride, we count ourselves more significant than others. We seek our own interests, rather than submitting ourselves to the purposes to which you have called us. Forgive us and renew your love in us that we may delight in your blessings. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Hosea 2:19-20

> And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Nothing but the Blood*

Trinity Hymnal #307 (vv. 1-4)

> What can wash away my sin?
> Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
> What can make me whole again?
> Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
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> *Refrain:*
> O precious is the flow
> That makes me white as snow;
> No other fount I know,
> Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
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> For my cleansing this I see —
> Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
> For my pardon this my plea —
> Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Nothing can for sin atone —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

This is all my hope and peace —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(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 — *Jesus Loves Me*
Trinity Hymnal #189 (v. 1)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.

Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

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.

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.

Sermons available at www.refpres.org

SERMON — *"God's Roles for Marriage"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Ephesians 5:22-33

[22] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

[25] Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. [28] In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, [30] because we are members of his body. [31] "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

SERMON OUTLINE

God assigns roles for men and women in marriage. For a good marriage, we must increasingly embrace our roles.

1. God calls wives to respectfully submit to their husbands.

2. God calls husbands to sacrificially love their wives.

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *He Will Hold Me Fast*

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When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus:
He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. *(Chorus)*

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last! *(Chorus x2)*

* BENEDICTION

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

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (v. 1)

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We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored.

Chorus:
And they'll know
We are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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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