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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 56:4**

In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Trinity Hymnal #92

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

*** 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 — From Psalm 91:1, 5-7, 9-10**

Pastor: What is promised to someone who trusts in God?

People: **You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you.**

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.

Baptism is administered by the church in obedience to the command of Christ (Matt. 28:19-20). As a sign it represents our union with Christ, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and resulting regeneration, adoption, cleansing from sin, and resurrection, as well as our membership into the church, the body of Christ. As a seal, or guarantee, baptism confirms the promise of God in the covenant of grace to save sinners by faith.

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Isaiah 43*

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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.

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)

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*)

SACREMENT OF BAPTISM

Joan Katherine Bollinger

BAPTISM DOXOLOGY

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Children of promise brought to you,
O gracious God their hearts make new;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Washed by the water and the blood,
Sealed with the sign from heav'n above.
O praise you! O praise you!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO RENEWAL — Matthew 10:28

Mr. Austin Bollinger

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most High God,
You have promised us shelter, deliverance, and eternal salvation. Yet we harbor fear in our hearts. We sometimes fear men rather than You. Rather than hoping in your glory, we too often fear suffering and discomfort. In fear, we sometimes compromise Your righteous standards. Forgive us we pray, in Jesus's name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Psalm 91:14,16

Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.

With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.

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

Words and Music: Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

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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*)

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mr. Austin Bollinger

*** 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 — "Fearless Faith "

Rev. Matt Lucas

1 Peter 3:13-17

[13] Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? [14] But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, [15] but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, [16] having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. [17] For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

SERMON OUTLINE

Because God blesses those who suffer for righteousness, we must live fearlessly.

How can we live fearlessly?

1. Honor Christ in our hearts.

2. Be prepared to explain our hope in Christ.

3. Live virtuously for Christ.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *It Is Well With My Soul***

Trinity Hymnal #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

Women: It is well **Men:** It is well

Women: with my soul; **Men:** with my soul;

All: it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul. (*Refrain*)

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*Refrain*)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"— it is well with my soul. (*Refrain*)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *You Are My Hiding Place***

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You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance;
Whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in You.

I will trust in You.

Let the weak say, "I am strong
In the strength of the Lord!"

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance;
Whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in You.

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.

Doxology: Doxology means "praise." We praise God because of his generosity to us.

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POSTLUDE

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 TBD

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

(2nd & 4th) 269 Canterbury Way, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM—Contact: Boone Leigh, 828.421.9970

Wednesdays – 217 N. Whitted St, Hendersonville, 6:15 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	5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group 5:00 PM SNL & Refpres Youth
Monday	6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group
Tuesday	4:00 PM Kirkside Community Group 6:30 PM Canterbury Way Community Group
Wednesday	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Whitted Street Community Group 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group
Saturday	7:30 AM Men's 2/4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Special Offering for January goes to the Souper Bowl of Caring (IAM). Look for the "Souper Bowl of Caring" pots, located in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. Leave your canned goods for IAM no later than Sunday, February 4. Monetary donations are also needed.
2. SNL and High School Youth Group will meet tonight.
3. Please join us for the Keuthan Appreciation Luncheon following worship next Sunday the 28th. More details will be sent by email on Monday.
4. Beginning in February, we are forming a Building Maintenance Committee that will meet monthly to prioritize repairs in both buildings (Sanctuary and Kirkside), seek out estimates from vendors, and participate in quarterly workdays around the property. We are looking for members willing to serve in this capacity with any background or experience in construction, facility maintenance or the like. If interested, contact Carlos Galvan or Bill O'Brien.
5. Ladies, save the date to enjoy a weekend of rest, worship, fellowship and food in Black Mountain April 12-13.
6. Pew Crew volunteers are needed! If you want to find out more to serve in this capacity, contact Beth Oldham at 912-531-6229 or call the church office.
7. If you would like to place flowers in our sanctuary in 2024, contact Tania Reid at 828.393.5005 for more information. Dates are filling up fast!

*The flowers today are given
to the Glory of God
and in celebration of
Eddie and Marty Reed's
27th Wedding Anniversary.*

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

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Email

Phone

Address

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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

(Continue on the back)

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