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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

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.

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP — *Power in the Blood*

Children's Choir

Words & Music: Lewis E Jones | Arranged: Fionán De Barra

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 29:10-11**

Mr. Austin Bollinger

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Trinity Hymnal #295

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

*** 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* #27-28

Leader: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

People: **Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

Leader: Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

People: **Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.**

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 — *Up from the Grave He Arose*
Trinity Hymnal #276 (vv. 1, 3)

Low in the grave he lay—	Death cannot keep his prey—
Jesus, my Savior,	Jesus, my Savior;
Waiting the coming day—	He tore the bars away—
Jesus, my Lord.	Jesus, my Lord. (<i>Refrain</i>)

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose, (He arose!)
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes. (He arose!)
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (He arose!) He arose! (He arose!)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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

Living God,

We confess our hearts are tempted by the gods of this world: comfort, pleasure, wealth, and success. We long for certainty and safety, often seeking it in temporal things, rather than your eternal promises. Teach us to seek first the unfading inheritance secured by Christ. Remind us that you alone have conquered death, for we easily forget and are overcome by fear. Fill us with the joy of your presence, and the anticipation of seeing our Lord as he is. In his name, we pray, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Job 19:25-26

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.

*** HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *I Know That My Redeemer Lives***

Trinity Hymnal #281 (*music team will sing vv. 1-2; congregation joins on vv. 3-4*)

I know that my Redeemer lives—
Glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—
Glory, hallelujah!

Refrain:

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—
Glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found—
Glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—
Glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head—
Glory, hallelujah! (*Refrain*)

He lives, to bless me with his love—
Glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above—
Glory, hallelujah! (*Refrain*)

He lives, all glory to his name!—
Glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same—
Glory, hallelujah! (*Refrain*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *He Will Hold Me Fast* (vv. 1, 3)

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.

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*)

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
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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 — *“The Search for Security”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Psalm 16

- [1] Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- [2] I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”
- [3] As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
- [4] The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
- [5] The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- [6] The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- [7] I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- [8] I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- [9] Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- [10] For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
- [11] You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

d. Are satisfied with God's inheritance (vv. 5-6)

e. Accept God's counsel (v. 7)

2. Security about the next life

Security for those who are:

a. Certain of the resurrection (vv. 9-10)

b. Certain of the path to life (v. 11)

c. Certain of fullness of joy (v. 11)

*** 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** — *Alleluia! Alleluia!* (v. 1)

Words: Christopher Wordsworth | Music: Rowland H. Prichard

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Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ the King of Glory
Now is risen from the dead.

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

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 May 3-5.

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
(1st & 3rd) 269 Canterbury Way, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM—Contact: Boone Leigh, 828.421.9970

Wednesdays – 217 N. Whitted St, Hendersonville, 6:30 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

Monday	Office Closed No Kirkside Days
Tuesday	4:00 PM Kirkside Hall Community Group 6:15 PM Canterbury Way Community Group
Wednesday	6:30 PM Whitted Street Community Group 6:00 PM Outreach and Missions Team Meeting
Thursday	10:00AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days 6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group
Friday	6:00 PM Friday Kirkside Community Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The ARP Easter Special Offering bulletins are in the Narthex. This is a long-standing tradition of ARPs showing their care and concern through giving for the benefit of: Bonclarken Conference Center, Outreach North America, and World Witness. Please use the enclosed envelope for your donation.
2. Make plans to join us on Sunday, April 7, at 5:00 PM for a special service of Ordination and Installation for Austin O'Brien Bollinger. There will be a reception in Kirkside Hall following the service.
3. A "Mentoring 101" lunch training will be held for mentors and interested women after church on April 7. Crock pot BBQ and buns will be provided - please bring a side or dessert. RSVP on the Get Connected tab or contact Jessie Callaway for more information (828-696-6310).

The flowers today are given by
Jim and Margaret Miller.

"He is Risen!"

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name _____

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Address _____

- RSVP to Mentoring 101
- RSVP to NEXT STEP (May 3-5)
- I am visiting today

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- Music Ministry
- Women's Ministry
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COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

(Continue on the back)

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