



reformation  
*presbyterian church*

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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 — Isaiah 44:6, 23a**

Elder Kevin Keyzer

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
"I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;  
shout, O depths of the earth;  
break forth into singing, O mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it!

#### **† \* HYMN OF ADORATION — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

Trinity Hymnal #38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**\* 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 #26**

Elder: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

People: **Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself,  
in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering  
all his and our enemies.**

**† \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE — The Sands of Time Are Sinking**

Trinity Hymnal #546 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

The sands of time are sinking,  
The dawn of heaven breaks,  
The summer morn I've sighed for,  
The fair sweet morn awakes;  
Dark, dark, hath been the midnight,  
But dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.

The King there in his beauty  
Without a veil is seen;  
It were a well-spent journey  
Though sev'n deaths lay between:  
The Lamb with his fair army  
Doth on Mount Zion stand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,  
But her dear bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory,  
But on my King of grace;  
Not at the crown he gifteth,  
But on his pierced hand:  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Emmanuel's land.

**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.

## **CALL TO RENEWAL — Romans 14:11**

Rev. Austin Bollinger

For it is written,

“As I live,” says the Lord, “every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

## **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Eternal King,

We believe that your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, that your rule and reign covers every square inch of the universe. And yet we see the rise and fall of nations, and we are greatly alarmed. We anticipate the resurrection, but we often live as though we have hope in this life only. Forgive us, and renew in us an eternal perspective. In Jesus's name, amen.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 1 Corinthians 1:8-9**

[Our Lord Jesus Christ] will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **\* 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*)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

## CHILDREN'S HYMN — *All Must Be Well* (vv. 1, 3)

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Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor; all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;  
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, "All is well."  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes, in living and in dying,  
All must be well.

## 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.

### 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](http://www.refpres.org)

**SERMON** — *"A Vision of Victory"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

**SCRIPTURE** — Daniel 7

(Pew Bible pages 744-745)

**SERMON NOTES**

The Lord's victory is our victory, so serve his kingdom.



## SERMON NOTES CONTINUED



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Ancient of Days***

Words & Music by: Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Michael Farren | Jesse Reeves

Though the nations rage	Though I may not see
Kingdoms rise and fall	What the future brings
There is still one King	I will watch and wait
Reigning over all	For the Savior king
So I will not fear	Then my joy complete
For this truth remains	Standing face to face
That my God is the Ancient of Days	In the presence of the Ancient of Days
	<i>(Chorus)</i>

*Chorus*

None above Him none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure  
And He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days *(Chorus)*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Man of Sorrows! What a Name***

Trinity Hymnal #246 (v. 5)

When he comes, our glorious King,  
All his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

**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

### Sunday School

We will take a break from Sunday School this summer. This will give us much needed time for training in several different ministries.

Sunday School for all ages will resume August 3.

### Additional Connections this Week

Monday	Pre-Synod
Tuesday-Thursday	Annual Synod Meetings
Saturday	10:00 AM Bridal Shower for Elizabeth "Liz" Dolan

*The flowers today are given by Kevin and Mary Keyzer  
in thanksgiving for God's mercy and grace over Taryn  
during her years at the University of Alabama.  
She graduated last month and now begins  
her PhD at the University of Texas in Dallas.*

### JUNE USHERS

Seth Brown, Steve Levin,  
David O'Brien

Valet Parking is available  
between—10:15 - 10:40 am

### MAY GREETERS

Abby Ronningen

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. The Special Offering for June will support the Backpack Ministry.
2. Look for the empty Open Arms Baby Bottles in a bassinet in the Narthex. Take them, fill them with your contribution, and bring them back by next Sunday, June 15.
3. Ladies, the Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Dolan is this Saturday at the home of Tania Reid. If you have not RSVP'D yet, please contact Tania.
4. There will be a Called Congregational Meeting next Sunday, June 15. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on going forward with the construction and loan for the sanctuary roof.
5. The Happy Life Missions Team is hosting a fundraising breakfast next Sunday, June 15, at 9:30 AM. That morning, we will also hear from Elizabeth (Liz) Dolan on the work she has been doing in Armenia over the past couple of years. Come to support the team, enjoy a great breakfast, and learn about Liz's mission time!
6. The Oldham/Goehring Shepherding Group will have a luncheon on Sunday, June 22. All visitors are invited to attend. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tab.
7. The Keyzer/Harper Shepherding Group will have a luncheon on Sunday, June 29. All visitors are invited to attend. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tab.
8. The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Tea for Women and Daughters on Saturday, July 19. Details to follow soon.
9. The Family Bible Conference is July 28-31. Keynote speakers are Dr. Ben Glaser and Rev. Jeff Kingswood. This year's theme is "Worship and the Psalms." Register online at [arpconferences.org/fbc-2025](http://arpconferences.org/fbc-2025).

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

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☐ RSVP to the Oldham/Goehring  
Shepherding Group Lunch on June 22

☐ RSVP to the Keyzer/Harper  
Shepherding Group Lunch on June 29

☐ 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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## OFFICERS

### Session Members

Rev. Austin Bollinger  
Doug Dolan  
Kevin Keyzer  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Ben Oldham  
Glen Reid  
David Taylor

### Diaconate Members

**Levi Friedly**  
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Bill Goehring  
Mitch Harper  
Jeremy Maestro  
Ralph Polk

**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

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