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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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL

Gracie Coe

Malaya Dukes

Abi Leigh

Anne Campbell Lucas

Elle Riddle

Elizabeth Ronningen

Hannah Stage

Welles Pender

COLLEGE

Madison Keyzer

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Bishop Peter and Faith Ndungu from Happy Life in Kenya

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 45:6-7

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *All Hail the King of Heaven*

Words and Music : Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

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All hail the King of Heaven Christ the Lord of all;
Whom thundering angels circle 'round ablaze with awe.
Let now the Hallelujah of earth in glad refrain
Ascend the throne; to Him belongs immortal praise.

Chorus:

All hail the king of heaven;
Creation joins together
Let endless praises crown his name;
All hail the king of heaven.

All hail the Great Redeemer, who so humbly came;
The lamb of our salvation O for sinners slain.
Let now the loud Hosanna resound from shore to shore.
You nations say, "His kingdom reigns forevermore." (*Chorus*)

Let praise of nations rise now as a symphony,
To sound the endless wonders of His majesty.
Let every heart adore Him, the great and small the same.
Through generations ever let His anthem ring! (*Chorus*)

* 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

Based on 1 Jn. 5:4-5; Jn. 16:33; 1 Jn. 4:4; Rom. 8:35, 37

Pastor: Why does our faith overcome the world?

People: **Our faith overcomes the world because it is set on the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus has already overcome the world, and He dwells victoriously in us. He is greater than he who is in the world. Therefore, we take heart in the face of tribulations and distresses because we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus.**

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 — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Trinity Hymnal #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

CALL TO RENEWAL — Revelation 3:20-21

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

King of Heaven,
We have seen and experienced your blessings, and we anticipate the day when every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that you are Lord. Yet we still fear the wrath of earthly powers and authorities. We would enjoy sin's fleeting pleasures rather than suffering as your people. The treasures of this world sometimes seem greater than the reproaches of Christ, and we too easily lose sight of the eternal rewards you have promised. Forgive us and fix our eyes on our glorious inheritance. Renew our faith that we might overcome as you have overcome. In Jesus's name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Revelation 21:6-7

And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand*

Words: Samuel Stennett | Music: Christopher Miner

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On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

Men: I am bound **Women:** I am bound

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All: I am bound for the promised land (*Repeat*)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face,
And in His bosom rest? (*Chorus*)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

CHILDREN’S HYMN — *This Little Light of Mine*

Words | Music: Harry Dixon Loes (v.1)

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This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

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 — *“We are World Changers”*

Bishop Peter Ndungu

Hebrews 11:23-29

[23] By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. [24] By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, [25] choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. [26] He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. [27] By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. [28] By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

[29] By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

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*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *By Faith***

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By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth. (*Chorus*)

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name. (*Chorus*)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Soldiers of Christ, Arise***

Trinity Hymnal #575 (v. 1)

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in his mighty pow'r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

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

Community Groups

Weekly or bi-weekly small group Bible studies meeting in the fellowship hall or church members' homes.

Community Groups will resume September 15.

Sunday School

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

Sunday School for all ages will resume September 1.

Additional Connections this Week

Monday	10:00 AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days 6:00 PM Building Maintenance Committee Mtg.
Thursday	10:00 AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days
Saturday	7:30 AM 2/4 Men's Study

Today, we welcome Bishop Peter Ndungu to the pulpit. Peter is the founder and General Overseer of Overcoming Faith Ministries, a church planting mission. He is also the founding Director of Happy Life Children's Home (HLCH) in Nairobi, Kenya, which he and his wife Faith started in 2002 as a rescue center for abandoned babies. HLCH gives these children a home and a hope for adoption and provides quality Christian education through Happy Life Christian School and quality pediatric medical care through the Jesse Kay Medical Center.

Bishop Peter holds a Diploma in Transformational Church Leadership from Pan Africa Christian University, Kenya (PAC). He has also trained in leadership through the Equip to Lead Training Program and other similar programs that have greatly impacted his leadership journey.

He is a spiritual father and mentor to many and a successful businessman. He operates in the gift of faith and has impacted many to live by faith through his teachings. He has also helped to develop mature pastors, leaders, administrators, worship leaders, and men and women of influence. He has a passion for reaching out to the unreached and bringing his generation to Christ and thus leads his OFC ministry in church planting and outreach missions in Kenya and beyond.

Peter is an author and has authored three books. He is also a songwriter with many songs on the YouTube Channel, BISHOP PETER NDUNGU'S SONGS.

He is married to Faith, and together they are blessed with four children: Jacqueline, Steve, Timothy, and Abigail.

(www.ofckkenya.church | www.happylifechildrenshome.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Join us after worship today as we celebrater our High School graduates with a luncheon in their honor. Everyone is invited.
2. Look for the Open Arms Baby Bottles in a bassinet in the Narthex. We will be collecting donations through June 16. Please return your filled baby bottles to the pack-n-play in the Narthex.
3. Mark your calendars for the upcoming RPC Camping Trip at Orchard Lake Campground in Saluda, NC. Check-in on Thursday, June 6, check-out Saturday morning, June 8. You can stay for one night or both nights. Register at refpres.org/calendar-events.

*The flowers today are given
to the Glory of God,
and in celebration of Madison Keyzer
on her graduation from
Appalachian State University.*

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 19

Babies Bethany Phillis & Hannah Almeida
Walkers Ben and Melissa Ingelse

May 26

Babies Sarah De Hoog & Ruby Rose
Walkers Eric and Sally Warren

MAY USHERS

Mark Dugle, Vern George, Chris Hill,
Steve Levin, Andrew Riddle, Eric Warren

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

MAY GREETERS

Jessie Callaway, Tania Reid

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(Place in offering box)

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Address _____

I am visiting today

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Baptism

Children's Ministry

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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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Rev. Matt Lucas
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David Taylor

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