



reformation  
*presbyterian church*

*Palm Sunday*

April 13, 2025

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.*

### *Palm Sunday*

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

#### PROCESSION OF THE PALMS — *Hosanna!*

Children's Choir and Congregation

Words | Music: John Wyatt Burson

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People: **Hosanna!** (*children echo*)

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All: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord** (*Repeat*)

#### MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 97:1-2

Elder Glen Reid

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;

let the many coastlands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

† \* **HYMN OF ADORATION** — *O Lord Most High, with All My Heart*

Trinity Hymnal #48 (vv. 1-4) | Tune: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

O Lord Most High, with all my heart Your wondrous works I will proclaim; I will be glad and give you thanks And sing the praises of your name.	All they, O Lord, that know your name Their confidence in you will place, For you have ne'er forsaken them Who earnestly have sought your face.
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The Lord, the everlasting King,  
Is seated on his judgment throne;  
The righteous Judge of all the world  
Will make His perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove,  
A refuge strong for all oppressed,  
A safe retreat, where weary souls  
In troubled times may surely rest.

\* **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 2 Peter 3:9-10

Elder: Is the Lord slow to fulfill the promise of his return?

People: The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

**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** — *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Trinity Hymnal #310 (vv. 1, 5)

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore.	Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, And take his servants up To their eternal home. ( <i>Refrain</i> )
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*Refrain:*

Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**CALL TO RENEWAL** — Romans 12:19-21

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Heavenly Father,

We confess that we sometimes live as though you will not fulfill your promises. We too easily accept the worldly mindset that we must seek our own justice and retribution. Rather than loving our enemies, we at times give in to anger and hatred. Forgive us and reconcile us to yourself and to your good purposes. In Jesus' name, amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** — Romans 5:9-10

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**\* HYMN OF ASSURANCE** — *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Words | Music: Stuart Townend

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How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.	I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.
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Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Rev. Matt Lucas

**CHILDREN'S HYMN**—*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Trinity Hymnal #131 (vv. 1, 5, 6)

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.	More secure is no one ever Than the loved ones of the Savior; Not yon star on high abiding Nor the bird in home-nest hiding.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.	

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

**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)

#### \* 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 — *“Certain Judgement - part 2”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

#### SCRIPTURE — Daniel 5:1-31

(Pew Bible pages 742-743)

#### SERMON OUTLINE

God’s judgment of sin is unescapable.

Wait on God to condemn others for their sin.





**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Joy to the World!*

Trinity Hymnal #195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:	He rules the world with truth and grace,
Let earth receive her King;	And makes the nations prove
Let every heart prepare him room,	The glories of his righteousness
And heav'n and nature sing,	And wonders of his love,
And heav'n and nature sing,	And wonders of his love,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.	And wonders, wonders of his love.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Trinity Hymnal #235 (v. 1)

All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One!

**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

PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE	
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 PM - Kirkside Hall
April 18	Good Friday Vespers 6:00 PM - Kirkside Hall
April 20	Easter Sunday at Reformation No Sunday School 9:30 AM - Brunch - Kirkside Hall 10:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt - Courtyard 10:45 AM - Worship - Sanctuary



### Next Step—May 2-5

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 will be held Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4

### Additional Connections this Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b> Happy Life Team Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Boyd Drive Community Group <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Flat Rock Community Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Kirkside Hall Community Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> Good Friday Service

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. April's monthly special offering will go to the ARP Easter Offering Fund. You can find more information and giving envelopes in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. This is a long-standing tradition of ARPs showing their care and concern through donating to benefit Bonclarken Conference Center, Outreach North America, and World Witness. Please return your donation before April 30.
2. Following worship today, there will be a Happy Life Team meeting in Kirkside Hall.
3. Next Sunday, April 20, Youth Group will not meet.
4. April 21-24 is Bonclarken Volunteer Work Week. If you can help on any of the days listed or have questions, contact Laura Grant at [laura@bonclarken.org](mailto:laura@bonclarken.org).
5. Ladies Bunco Night is Thursday, April 24. Sign up online at [refpres.org/women](http://refpres.org/women).
6. Ladies, join us on Saturday, May 3, at 10:00 am at the beautiful Bullington Gardens for Made Alive in Christ. Sign up online at [refpres.org/women](http://refpres.org/women).
7. Come join us for our Church Workday on Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm! Please check your email for a link to sign up, or there are sign-up sheets in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. Lunch will be provided.

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God,  
and in celebration of Kevin and Mary Keyzer's  
25th Wedding Anniversary.*

### APRIL USHERS

Seth Brown, Vern George,  
Skip Goldsmith, Steve Levin,  
Gibbon Pender, Eric Warren

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

### APRIL GREETERS

Cindy Crunk & Abby Ronningen

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

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I am visiting today

RSVP for Next Step - May 2-4

### 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

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**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

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