



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 — Psalm 145:1-2

Elder Glen Reid

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

#### † \* HYMN OF ADORATION — *The Sands of Time Are Sinking*

Trinity Hymnal #546

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.

O Christ, he is the fountain,  
The deep sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted  
More deep I'll drink above:  
There to an ocean fullness  
His mercy doth expand,  
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.

**\* 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** — *Heidelberg Catechism* #1

Elder: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

**† \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE** — *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* (vv.1, 4)

Words: George Matheson | Music: Christopher Miner

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O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

**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.

**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.

**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 — John 12:25

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father,

Through your Son you offer us eternal life, and satisfaction for the deepest longings of our hearts. Why then do we cling so desperately to the things of earth? We confess we have labored for things which cannot satisfy. We have not always fixed our eyes on things above. Our view of your glory has been too small. Forgive us, and renew our hope in the life you have promised us. In Jesus's name, amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE — John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

## \* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Trinity Hymnal #261

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

## CHILDREN'S HYMN— *What Is Our Only Hope In Life and Death?*

Words: The New City Catechism | Music: Frank Hernandez

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What is our only hope in life and death?  
That we are not our own but belong to God.  
That we are not our own but belong to God.

What is our only hope in life and death?  
That we are not our own but belong to God.  
We are not our own, we are not our own.  
We are not our own but belong to God.

## 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** — *"Living in Light of Eternity: Eternal Life"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

1 John 5:11-12

[11] And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. [12] Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

### **SERMON OUTLINE**

Eternal life is only found in Christ. We must live for eternal life in Christ.

What is eternal life in Christ?

1. Eternal communion with God

2. Eternal sharing of love

3. Eternal inheritance in glory

4. Eternal rest from our labors



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Jesus, I am Resting, Resting*

Words: David Hampton and Jean Sophia Pigott | Music: David Hampton

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Jesus, I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what Thou art.  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.

Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
And Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power,  
Thou hast made me whole.

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness,  
Vaster, broader than the sea.

Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness  
Lavished all on me.

Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,  
Know Thy certainty of promise  
And have made it mine. (*Chorus*)

*Chorus:* Jesus, I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what Thou art.  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
I behold Thee as Thou art.  
And Thy love so pure, so changeless  
Satisfies my heart,  
Satisfies its deepest longings,  
Meets, supplies its ev'ry need,  
Compasseth me 'round with blessings,  
Thine is love indeed. (*Chorus*)

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *All Must Be Well* (v. 3)

Words: Mary Bowley Peters & Matthew S. Smith | Music: Matthew S. Smith

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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.

**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 will be November 15-17.

### 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

Wednesdays (1st, 3rd & 5th) – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:00 PM—Contact: Neal Mathias, 803.609.1974

Thursdays – 464 Mine Gap Road, East Flat Rock, 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:        *2 Kings*—Rev. Austin Bollinger (Fellowship Hall),  
                              *Personal Finance* — Eric Warren and Mark Dugle (Sanctuary Basement)

Children:            *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes  
                              Pre-K—Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog (Classroom)  
                              K-2nd—Mary Keyzer and Sallye Lucas (Classroom)  
                              3rd-5th—Mitch Harper and Levi Friedly (Kitchen)

Middle School:    *Foundations for Faith: The Ten Commandments*—Tyler Blohm (Multi-Purpose Room)

High School:        *The Power of God for Salvation: Romans*—Andrew Melton (Associate Pastor's Office)

### Additional Connections this Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Core Interest Group Meeting in Fletcher <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Group & SNL (Sunday Night Live)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Flat Rock Community Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Kirkside Community Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> Explorers Community Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Mine Gap Community Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> Friday Kirkside Community Group

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. Prepare your hearts for the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Please consider the following passages before coming to the table: 1 Corinthians 10:16-22, 11:27-29; Matthew 5:23-24. November's Monthly Special Offering will go to the Storehouse's Blessings in Boxes.
2. Next Sunday, November 3, daylight savings time ends. Remember to set your clocks back an hour.
3. The Boyd Drive Community Group will not meet tonight.
4. NEXT STEP has been rescheduled for November 15-17. If you plan to attend, RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab, to the church office, or to Austin Bollinger by November 13.
5. If you still want to serve hands-on in our disaster areas, the Outreach and Missions Committee has recommended Black Mountain Children's Home, which suffered extensive damage, and Samaritan's Purse, which is well organized with its ongoing efforts. You can sign up online at either of these sites: <https://www.blackmountainhome.org/> or <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>.
6. The Christmas choir practice starts Thursday, November 7, at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please speak to Keith Rose @ 989-627-3573 if you want to participate.
7. On November 9, from 3:00-7:00 PM, a Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the women's and men's teams will be at the Leigh Home (269 Canterbury Way). More information will follow.
8. Mark your calendars for our Christmas Banquet on December 6, at 6:30 PM, at Bonclarken. More information will follow.

## OCTOBER USHERS

Shaun Dukes, Kendall Edwards, Charlie Johnson, Chris Price

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

**OCTOBER GREETER**—Amanda Price

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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RSVP to NEXT STEP (November 15-17)

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

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## OFFICERS

### Session Members

Rev. Austin Bollinger  
Doug Dolan  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Ben Oldham  
Glen Reid  
Michael Rhodes  
David Taylor

### Diaconate Members

Levi Friedly  
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