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*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. Austin Bollinger

### **MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP** — Psalm 149:1, 4

Elder David Taylor

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.

#### **† \* HYMN OF ADORATION** — *Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Trinity Hymnal #16 (vv. 1-4)

Come, let us sing unto the Lord  
New songs of praise with sweet accord;  
For wonders great by him are done,  
His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God  
Is seen through all the earth abroad;  
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight  
He has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace  
In promise made to Israel's race;  
And unto earth's remotest bound  
Glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice;  
Sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;  
With voice of joy and loud acclaim  
Let all unite and praise his name.

**\* 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 Corinthians 13:14, 21-26**

Elder: Why is every member of the body of Christ important?

People: **Because the body does not consist of one member but of many. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." But every member, from the greatest to the least, is indispensable. Therefore, there must be no division among us, but every member must have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together. If one member is honored, all rejoice together.**

**† \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor***  
Trinity Hymnal #230 (vv. 2-3)

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,  
Heav'nward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.

**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.

## SACREMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Matt Lucas

Salem McLane Phillips

## BAPTISM DOXOLOGY

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Children of promise brought to you,  
O gracious God their hearts make new;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Washed by the water and the blood,  
Sealed with the sign from heav'n above.  
O praise you! O praise you!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## CALL TO RENEWAL — John 13:13-15

Rev. Austin Bollinger

You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Lord,

You were rich beyond all splendor and became poor for our sake. But we often fail to recognize that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We resist your command to consider others before ourselves. A deadly spirit of haughtiness reveals itself in our hearts. We allow petty differences and divisions to arise among us, and we neglect the work that you have given us to accomplish together. Forgive us, humble us, and renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus's name, amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE — John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

### \* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Isaiah 43*

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When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

*Chorus:*

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel  
Your Savior  
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel  
Your Savior  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire,  
You'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name, you are mine. (*Chorus*)

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Zack Keuthan

**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](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 — *"Kingdom Teamwork: A Long List of Names"*

Rev. Zack Keuthan

### Nehemiah 3:1–32

[1] Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. [2] And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

[3] The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. [4] And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. [5] And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.

[6] Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Gate of Yeshanah. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. [7] And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, the seat of the governor of the province Beyond the River. [8] Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. [9] Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired. [10] Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired. [11] Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. [12] Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters.

[13] Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

[14] Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

[15] And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David. [16] After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men. [17] After him the Levites repaired: Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired for his district. [18] After him their brothers repaired: Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah. [19] Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the buttress. [20] After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. [21] After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib. [22] After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, repaired. [23] After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house. [24] After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress and to the corner. [25] Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the buttress and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh [26] and the temple servants living on Ophel repaired to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower. [27] After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel.

[28] Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house. [29] After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired. [30] After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber. [31] After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner. [32] And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

## SERMON NOTES



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Your Labor Is Not in Vain*

Words & Music: Isaac Wardell | Paul Zach | Wendell Kimbrough

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Your labor is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you  
Is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
Your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown  
Though the rocks they cry out  
And the sea it may groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown

*Chorus:*

For I am with you I am with you  
I am with you I am with you  
For I have called you  
Called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labored to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
And all that is broken be healed (*Chorus 2x*)

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him*

Words: Jana Wolfe | Music: Holy Manna

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Christians, let us go and serve Him,  
Serve the One who gives us life.  
Let us serve in love and power,  
In the name of Jesus Christ.  
Serve in love and serve in wisdom,  
Reaching all we know and see.  
Christians, let us go and serve Him,  
Now and through eternity.

**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 May 3-5.

### 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: *Devotions 101: How to Meet Jesus in the Scriptures* - Austin Bollinger (Multi-purpose)

High School: *Apologetics 101* - Andrew Melton & Tyler Blohm (Associate Pastor's Office)

### Additional Connections this Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Mentoring Group <b>5:00 PM</b> RefPres Youth Group <b>5:00 PM</b> Boyd Drive Community Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 AM—12:00 PM</b> Kirkside Days <b>6:30 PM</b> Flat Rock Community Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 AM—12:00 PM</b> Kirkside Days <b>6:30 PM</b> Mine Gap Community Group
<b>Friday-Sunday</b>	<b>NEXT STEP</b>

*The flowers today are given by  
Jordan and Charity Williams  
in honor of their 2nd wedding anniversary  
and the gift of their daughter, Laylie.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. NEXT STEP is May 3-5. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab, to the church office or to Austin Bollinger by today. Please let us know if childcare is needed.
2. The Taylor/Dugle/Friedly Shepherding Group will have a luncheon following worship on Sunday, May 5. All visitors are invited to attend. RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab or contact the church office.
3. Mark your calendars for our Church Work Day on Saturday, May 11. Register at [refpres.org/calendar-events](http://refpres.org/calendar-events) or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. "Many hands make light work!"
4. Sunday, May 19, will be a full day. We will start the morning at 9:30 AM with Promotion Sunday in the fellowship hall, followed by an update on our daughter church plant from Pastor Zack. Then Bishop Peter and Faith from Happy Life in Kenya will be here to worship with us at 10:45 AM. Bishop Peter will be preaching, and then following worship, we will celebrate our graduates with a special luncheon in Kirkside Hall. Everyone is invited.
5. Mark your calendars for RPC Family Baseball Night. We will go to see the Asheville Tourists on Friday, May 31. Register at: [refpres.org/calendar-events](http://refpres.org/calendar-events).

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**April 28**

Babies.....Myra Johnson & Natalie Maestro  
Walkers.....Mitch and Marcesa Harper

## APRIL USHERS

Wes Caulder, Charlie Johnson, Deane Potter

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

## APRIL GREETER

Candice Caulder

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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- RSVP to NEXT STEP (May 3-5)
- RSVP to Taylor/Dugle/Friedly Shepherding Group Lunch (May 5)
- 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  
Carlos Galvan  
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**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

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