



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**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)**

Rev. Matt Lucas

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

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 84:1, 10**  
Elder Ben Oldham

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**† \* HYMN OF ADORATION — *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***  
Trinity Hymnal #165 (Tune *O Worship the King*)

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh— his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,  
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

### \* 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 Peter 2:25, 1 Peter 5:4, Acts 20:28, Mark 10:45

Elder: Why did Jesus give elders as shepherds and overseers  
of the church?

People: **Because Jesus is the Chief Shepherd and Overseer, who pays  
careful attention to all the flock, caring for the church of God  
which He obtained with His own blood.**

Elder: Why did Jesus give deacons as servants of the church?

People: **Because Jesus is the faithful servant, who came not to be served  
but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.**

### **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.

† \* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** — *Lead on, O King Eternal*

Trinity Hymnal #580 (vv. 1, 3)

Lead on, O King eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home:  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,  
We follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;  
We journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Rev. Matt Lucas

Mr. Kevin Keyzer - Elder  
Mr. Mitch Harper - Deacon

**HYMN** — *We Are Called to Be God's People* (vv. 1, 2)

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We are called to be God's people,  
Showing by our lives His grace;  
One in heart and one in spirit,  
Sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us,  
And remade us as His own;  
Let us share our life together  
As we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God's servants,  
Working in the world today;  
Taking His own task upon us,  
All His sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to His summons,  
Dedicate to Him our all;  
That we may be faithful servants,  
Quick to answer now His call.

## CALL TO RENEWAL — Philippians 2:19-21

Rev. Austin Bollinger

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus,

You lived the life of perfect service and have called us to follow after you. But we struggle to serve as you served. We are often more concerned with our own welfare than the welfare of others. We tend to seek our own interest, rather than yours. Forgive us, and make us fit vessels for your service. In your Name, amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Hebrews 3:5-6

Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

### \* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Jesus Strong and Kind*

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Jesus said  
That if I thirst,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy,  
I should come to him.

Jesus said  
If I am weak,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength,  
I should come to him.

*Chorus:*

For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said  
That if I fear,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield.  
I should come to him. (*Chorus*)

Jesus said  
If I am lost,  
He will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross,  
He will come to me. (*Chorus x 2*)

**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.

**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)

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Rev. Matt Lucas

**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 — “Aspire to Love Christ’s Church”**

Rev. Matt Lucas

1 Timothy 3:1-16

[1] The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. [2] Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, [3] not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. [4] He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, [5] for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? [6] He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. [7] Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

[8] Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. [9] They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. [10] And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. [11] Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. [12] Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. [13] For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

[14] I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, [15] if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. [16] Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

### **SERMON OUTLINE**

Jesus calls all Christians to love his church.

How should we love his church?

1. Aspire to greater service in the church
  - a. Cultivate godly character for the church
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Cultivate spiritual gifts for the church

2. Aspire to prove your faithfulness over time

3. Aspire to root your heart in his grace



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

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What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom.  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

**\* 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

### Sunday School

Classes at Kirkside Hall (brick building next door), 9:30 am; nursery provided

Adult Class: *2 Kings*—Rev. Austin Bollinger (Fellowship Hall),  
*Infant Baptism* — Rev. Matt Lucas (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: *The Lord's Prayer*—Chris Price (Multi-Purpose Room)

High School: *Who Am I? What God Says About Identity and Purpose*—  
Jeremy Maestro (Associate Pastor's Office)

### 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

Thursdays – 419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville, 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

Fridays (Bi-weekly) - 147 BlackBerry Hill Lane, Horse Shoe, 6:00 PM—Contact: Austin Bollinger, 828.845.0798

### Additional Connections this Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b> Oldham/Goehring Shepherding Group Luncheon <b>5:00 PM</b> Boyd Drive Community Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> Flat Rock Community Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Kirkside Hall Community Group <b>4:00 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Diaconate Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Jacamar Way Community Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> Horse Shoe Community Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Friday Kirkside Community Group
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Ministry Team Meeting <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Mentor Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Special Offering for January goes to the Souper Bowl of Caring (IAM). Bring your canned goods to the Narthex by Sunday, February 9. To find out more information go to <https://tacklehunger.org/SBoC>.
2. The Oldham/Goehring Shepherding Group will have a luncheon in Kirkside Hall following worship today. All visitors are invited to attend.
3. The time has come for a commitment for the mission trip to Happy Life Mission in Kenya. A meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19, following worship for those going to Happy Life. The date for the trip is July 29th, arriving back on August 10th. Please contact Dotty Dugle at 302-423-1348, Jeremy Maestro, or Pastor Matt if you have any questions.
4. There will be a baby shower for Michelle McGuire, on Saturday, January 25, 10:30 AM at the Flat Rock home of Sallye Lucas. Rides are provided for those who would like one. Please let the office or Sallye Lucas know if you would like a ride.

### JANUARY USHERS

Seth Brown, Wes Caulder  
Charlie Johnson, Andrew Melton

### JANUARY GREETER

Candice Caulder

Valet Parking is available  
10:15 - 10:40 AM

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
and in appreciation of our church leadership.*

**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.**

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
**Vern George**  
Bill Goehring  
Mitch Harper  
Jeremy Maestro  
Ralph Polk

**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Matt Lucas  
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