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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

Sarah Grace Douglass
Gunnar Patterson
Callie Stage

COLLEGE

Parker Douglass
Beth Oldham
Rogers Pender

*** CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 46:1, 11**

Elder Kevin Keyzer

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Trinity Hymnal #92

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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*

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

People: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, 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 the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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.

Baptism is administered by the church in obedience to the command of Christ (Matt. 28:19-20). As a sign it represents our union with Christ, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and resulting regeneration, adoption, cleansing from sin, and resurrection, as well as our membership into the church, the body of Christ. As a seal, or guarantee, baptism confirms the promise of God in the covenant of grace to save sinners by faith.

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.

† * **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** — *Though Troubles Assail Us*
Trinity Hymnal #95 (vv. 1, 4)

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Matt Lucas

Shepherd (Shep) Charles Edwards

BAPTISM DOXOLOGY (vv. 2, 3)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Children of promise brought to you,
O gracious God their hearts make new.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Shield them from sin and threat'ning wrong,
And give them faith their whole lives long.
O praise you! O praise you!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Washed by the water and the blood,
Sealed with the sign from heav'n above.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O pour the Spirit out on us,
Through him renew our hearts in love.
O praise you! O praise you!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO RENEWAL — 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Mr. Chris Price

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father,
You have accomplished all that is necessary for our life and salvation through Jesus Christ. Forgive us for holding on to our old selves. Forgive us for turning back to the empty way of life from which we were saved. Forgive us for attaching ourselves more to the world than to Christ's church. In his name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* Trinity Hymnal #468

My faith has found a resting place,
From guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain:
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to him,
He'll never cast me out. (*Refrain*)

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God:
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation thro' his blood. (*Refrain*)

My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost he came to save;
For me his precious blood he shed,
For me his life he gave. (*Refrain*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

Children up to age 4 may be walked over to Kirkside for Children's Church

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

* 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 — *“A Letter to Change Your Life”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Ephesians 1:1-2

[1]Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:[2] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON NOTES

By his grace, God is recreating our lives according to the life of his Son. We must trust the work of his grace to be conformed to his Son.

What is the new life in Christ?

1. Life with a new identity

2. Life with a new calling

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground*

Trinity Hymnal #518 (vv. 1-4)

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy, Still in you may I be found, Still for you my pow'rs employ, Still for you my pow'rs employ.	Fountain of o'erflowing grace, Freely from your fullness give; Till I close my earthly race, May I prove it "Christ to live," May I prove it "Christ to live."
Let your love my heart inflame; Keep your fear before my sight; Be your praise my highest aim; Be your smile my chief delight, Be your smile my chief delight.	Firmly trusting in your blood, Nothing shall my heart confound; Safely I shall pass the flood, Safely reach Immanuel's ground, Safely reach Immanuel's ground.

*** BENEDICTION**

Parents, please pick up children from Children's Church at this time.

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Trinity Hymnal #654 (v. 1)

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

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

2026 Spring and Summer Events

Women's Spring Event

Saturday, May 30, 10:00 -12:00
Broom's Blooms 511 Crest Road
Flat Rock, North Carolina 28731
Register at refpres.org/women

Popsicles in the Park

Flat Rock Park at 10:00 AM
June 11, 18, 25
July 9, 16, 23

Men's Retreat

June 12-13 at Yellow Mountain
Sign up today at refpres.org/men

Wednesday Night Dinners

Mark your calendars and
watch for more info!

Kirkside Hall at 6:00 PM

June 10
June 24
July 8
July 22

Additional Connections this Week

Monday	6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group
Tuesday	4:00 PM Session Meeting
	6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting
Saturday	7:30 AM Upward Call

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 17

Babies Jordan & Charity Williams
Walkers..... Tim & Elisa Petree and Levi Peterson

May 24

Babies Sarah DeHoog and Jess Hudson
Walkers..... Jessie Callaway and Elysha Theis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Beginning next Sunday, May 24, we will take a break from Sunday School. We will resume on August 2.
2. Join us for our Annual Graduation Luncheon, following worship today in Kirkside Hall.
3. The Women’s Spring Event is Saturday, May 30, from 10:00-12:00 at Broom’s Blooms (511 Crest Road, Flat Rock). Join us for a time of fellowship and flowers! Cost is \$15. Sign up online at refpres.org/women
4. Men, mark your calendar for June 12th and 13th. The Men's Retreat will be at Yellow Mountain. You can pitch a tent or sleep indoors. Sign up online at refpres.org/men.
5. The Session has unanimously approved the following motion concerning the use of AI in the preparation for teaching and leading in worship : MOTION 2026.01.20-7: “A motion to not utilize generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in preparation to teach or lead worship.”

*The flowers today are given to the
Glory of God,
by Ben and Beth Oldham*

*The LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Jeremiah 31:3*

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)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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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