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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 119:89-91

Elder David Taylor

Forever, O LORD, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Trinity Hymnal #53 (vv. 1-3, 5)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

*** 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 #128**

Elder: What does the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer mean?

People: **For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever means, we have made all these requests of you because, as our all-powerful king, you not only want to, but are able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.**

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.

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Only a Holy God*

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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus:

Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God. (*Chorus*)

CALL TO RENEWAL — Proverbs 14:12

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There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father,

The wisdom of this world is folly to you, but we are easily impressed by its crafty schemes. We see the prosperity and security of the wicked, and our hearts are tempted to doubt the adequacy of your provision. Though we live in anticipation of hearing you say, “well done,” our hearts still yearn for human approval. Rescue us, wash us clean by the blood of Jesus, and free us from the dominion of darkness. In Jesus name, amen.

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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *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.

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
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Austin Bollinger

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Step by Step*

Words and Music: David (Beaker) Strasser

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O God, You are my God, And I will ever praise You.	I will seek You in the morning, And I will learn to walk in Your ways;
O God, You are my God, And I will ever praise You.	And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days.

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 — *"The Search for Blessing"*

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Psalm 1

- [1] Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- [2] but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.
- [3] He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
 that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
 In all that he does, he prospers.
- [4] The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- [5] Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- [6] for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

SERMON OUTLINE

God alone gives the blessing we seek. Turn into the path that leads to Him.

What blessing does God give that we seek?

1. God alone gives the *wisdom* we seek (v. 1-2).

2. God alone gives the *stability* we seek (v. 3-4).

3. God alone gives the *approval* we seek (v. 5-6).

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Be Thou My Vision*

Trinity Hymnal #642 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Trinity Hymnal #384 (v. 1) (Alt. tune: Regent Square)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

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

Today	No Youth Group 4:00 PM Baby Shower for Charity Williams 5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group
Monday	10:00 AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days 6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group
Wednesday	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days 6:30 PM Mine Gap Community Group
Saturday	7:30 AM Men's 2/4 Study (Southern Streams) 9:00 AM Men's Leadership Training (Kirkside Hall)

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God,
and in celebration of Al and Barbara Smith's
64th Wedding Anniversary.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. NEXT STEP is May 3-5. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab to the church office or Austin Bollinger by April 28 if you plan to attend. Please let us know if childcare is needed.
2. Mark your calendars for our Church Work Day on Saturday, May 11. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. "Many hands make light work!"
3. 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.
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 @ refpres.org/calendar-events.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

April 21

Babies Cindy Crunk & Sallye Lucas
Walkers Andy and Joy Coe

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 _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

- 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:

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- 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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