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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

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP — *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Miss Abby Ronningen

Music by Conrad Koche | Arranged by Faye López

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* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 95:1-2

Mr. Austin Bollinger

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Come People of the Risen King*

Words and Music: Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Stuart Townend

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Come people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace. (*Chorus*)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age,
"Our God is all in all." (*Chorus*)

* 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, for ever. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — Romans 5:2b-5

Leader: In what do you rejoice?

People: **We rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

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** — *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Trinity Hymnal #310 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore.

Refrain:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above. (*Refrain*)

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up
To their eternal home. (*Refrain*)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Tom and Charlotte (Char) Hooker
Rick and Bronlynn Spindler

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catherine Alston Hunt

HYMN OF CHRISTIAN UNITY — *The Church's One Foundation* (vv. 1, 2)

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The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Psalm 126:4-6

Rev. Zack Keuthan

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!
Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father,
You promise to turn to our good, whatever adversity you send us in this sad world. Even so, we struggle to believe you can do this. Some sorrow seems too deep. Forgive us for doubting your redeeming power and love. Help us to believe that one day you will wipe away every tear from our eyes and invite us into the eternal weight of glory which you are preparing for us. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Man of Sorrows! What a Name* Trinity Hymnal #246

Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die,
"It is finished!" was his cry:
Now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,
All his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

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. Afterward, children 2-3 years of age may be dismissed to the nursery. Please gather in the narthex, and a deacon will lead you to the nursery.

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 — “Jesus Turns Our Sorrow into Joy - Part 2”

Rev. Matt Lucas

John 16:16-33

[16] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” [17] So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” [18] So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” [19] Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” [20] Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. [21] When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. [22] So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. [23] In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. [24] Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

[25] “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. [26] In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; [27] for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. [28] I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

[29] His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! [30] Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” [31] Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? [32] Behold, the

hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. [33] I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

SERMON OUTLINE

Jesus will turn our sorrow into joy.

Therefore, take heart in the victory of Jesus.

1. By looking upon the risen Jesus.

2. By praying in the name of Jesus.

3. By deepening our commitment to Jesus.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Be Still My Soul*

Trinity Hymnal #689 (vv. 1-3)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Trinity Hymnal #604 (v. 4)

Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

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

Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes. Resume January 15.

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM - Contact: John Gates, 907.244.7709 (1/15/23)

25 Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, 5:00 PM - Contact: Eddie Reed, 804.452.0920 (1/22/23)

Mondays – 100 East Pinecrest Drive, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM - Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004 (1/16/23)

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM - Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062 (1/17/23)

Wednesdays – 1034 Sylvan Blvd, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM - Contact: Zack Keuthan, 828.702.6807 (1/18/23)

Thursdays – 419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville, 6:30 PM - Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442 (1/19/23)

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 1232 Olde Chanteloup Ct, 6:00 PM - Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533 (1/20/23)

Sunday School

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

Adult Class: *The Culture of Allurement* - Keith Rose (fellowship hall)

Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes

Pre-K: Nancy George and Hayley Bollinger (classroom)

K-2nd: Sallye Lucas, Marie Pender, and Marty Reed (classroom)

3rd-5th: Jeremy Maestro and Levi Friedly (kitchen)

Middle School: *Prayer 101* - Rev. Zack Keuthan and Andrew Melton (library)

High School: *The Culture of Allurement* - Keith Rose (fellowship hall)

Additional Connections this Week

Today	5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group 5:00 PM Cane Creek Community Group
Monday	4:00 PM WM Team Meeting 6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group
Tuesday	4:00 PM Kirkside Hall Community Group
Wednesday	9:45 AM Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM Sylvan Heights Community Group 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group
Friday	6:00 PM Churchwide Bowling Night @ Tar Heel Lanes
Saturday	7:30 AM 2/4 Men's Study 10:30 AM CPR Training Class

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Eddie and Marty Reed's 26th Wedding Anniversary.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Look for the Souper Bowl of Caring pots in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. Leave your canned goods for IAM no later than Sunday, February 5. Monetary donations are also needed.
2. It's not too late to join a community group. Look for information on page 10.
3. The Lucas/Keyzer/Reid Shepherding Group will have a luncheon following worship today. All visitors are welcome.
4. This Friday, January 27, at 6:00 PM, there will be a Church-Wide Bowling Night at Tar Heel Lanes. Bring \$10 cash for 2 games and shoes. Join us for a time of fun and fellowship.
5. There will be a CPR Training class this Saturday, at 10:30 AM, in Kirkside Hall. If you have questions or would like to attend, contact Sallye Lucas.
6. Ladies, join us Saturday, February 4, from 9:30-11:00 AM for Valentine's Craft Day. Register online at refpres.org/women by January 30.
7. If you would like to place flowers in our sanctuary in 2023, contact Tania Reid at 828.393.5005 for more information. Dates are filling up fast!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

January 22

Babies.....Marty Reed, Carolyn Taylor
WalkersTim and Elisa Petree

January 29

Babies..... Crystal Goldsmith, Marty Reed
WalkersJim and Margaret Miller

USHERS

January

Jerry Knight, Deane Potter
Eric Warren

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

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering plate)

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Email _____

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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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John Gates
Rev. Zack Keuthan
Rev. Matt Lucas
Michael Rhodes
David Taylor

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Carlos Galvan
Phil Hanna
Bob Hicks
Jeremy Maestro
Bill Mitchell
Bill O'Brien
Ben Oldham
Glen Reid

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