



reformation  
*presbyterian church*

September 17, 2023

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**

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

Rev. Matt Lucas

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

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 34:8-9**

Rev. Zack Keuthan

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!

#### **† \* HYMN OF ADORATION — *All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

Trinity Hymnal #1

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are His folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

**\* 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 Proverbs 1:7,14:27, 19:23)**

Pastor: What do you believe concerning the fear of the Lord?

People: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. It leads to life, it turns away from the snares of death, and whoever has it rests satisfied.**

**† \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE — Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone)**

Words and Music: Aaron Keyes | Stuart Townend (vv. 1, 3)

© 2007 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

My soul finds rest in God alone,  
My rock and my salvation,  
A fortress strong against my foes,  
And I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,  
And lies, like arrows, pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;  
I'll look to Him who hears me.

*Chorus:*

O praise Him, hallelujah,  
My Delight and my Reward.  
Everlasting, never failing;  
My Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone,  
And trust in Him completely,  
With ev'ry day pour out my soul;  
And He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath,  
A sigh too brief to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death,  
And I am His forever. (*Chorus*)

**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.

## INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Matt Lucas

Adán and Hannah Almeida (Yakim)  
Jim and Ann Brice  
Mitch and Marcesa Harper (Harwin and Finley)  
Charles and Barbara Nicholls  
Jason and Elny Phillips

## HYMN OF CHRISTIAN UNITY—*Behold How Very Good It Is* The ARP Psalter #133

Behold, how very good it is,  
A pleasant thing to see;  
When brothers join to live as one,  
In peace and unity!

Yes, it is like the precious oil,  
Poured out upon the head,  
Which running down from Aaron's beard,  
Upon his garments spread.

It is as though Mount Hermon's dew  
On Zion's hills descends;  
For there the LORD bestowed the gift  
Of life that never ends.

## CALL TO RENEWAL — Job 38:4, 40:2

Mr. Austin Bollinger

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?”

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Father,

Though our perspective is limited, we perceive ourselves far wiser than we are. Our overconfidence leads us down crooked paths that rob us of your peace. Forgive us, and help us trust and acknowledge you in all our ways. In Christ's name, we pray, amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## \* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Words and Music: Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

© 2013 Getty Music Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.), Matthew Merker Music

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*Chorus:*

He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast. (*Chorus*)

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last! (*Chorus*)

**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. Zack Keuthan

### \* 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.

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### SERMON — *“The Life of Peace”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Proverbs 3

### SERMON OUTLINE

God offers a life of peace to those who trust in him with all their heart.

1. Trust in God leads to peace through enjoying his favor (vv. 4, 34)
  - a. God’s favor draws us into his confidence (vv. 32)

b. God's favor leads to success (vv. 4, 33)

2. Trust in God leads to peace through accepting his discipline as love (vv. 11-12; 10:17)

a. Wisdom learned through discipline gives peace money cannot buy (vv. 13-18)

b. Wisdom learned through discipline gives peace from sudden terror (vv. 21-25)

3. Trust in God leads to peace through a life of integrity (v. 6)

A. Honor God with our wealth (vv. 9-10)

B. Do good to our neighbor when it is in our power to do so (v. 27)

C. Repay promptly what we owe (v. 28)

D. Keep trust with neighbors by communicating openly (v. 29)

E. Be a man of peace who displays a reasonable spirit (v. 30)

F. Choose the way of peaceful resolution to problems (v. 31)



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *It Is Well With My Soul*

Trinity Hymnal #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*Refrain:*

**Women:** It is well **Men:** It is well

**Women:** with my soul; **Men:** with my soul;

**All:** it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul. (*Refrain*)

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*Refrain*)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
"Even so"— it is well with my soul. (*Refrain*)

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Trust and Obey*

Trinity Hymnal #672 (v. 1)

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain:*

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

**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.

**Doxology:** Doxology means "praise." We praise God because of his generosity to us.

All songs used by permission:  
CCLI License  
#3128725 Scripture quotations  
are from The Holy Bible,  
English Standard Version®  
(ESV®), copyright © 2001 by  
Crossway, a publishing ministry  
of Good News Publishers.  
Used by permission. All rights  
reserved.

## 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 November 10-12.

### Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes.

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM—Contact: John Gates, 907.244.7709-begins 9/10

Mondays – 1915 Little River Road, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM—Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004-begins 9/11

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM—Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062-  
269 Canterbury Way, Hendersonville, 6:30 PM—Contact: Boone Leigh, 828.421.9970

Wednesdays – 1034 Sylvan Blvd, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM—Contact: Zack Keuthan, 828.702.6807

Thursdays – 464 Mine Gap Road, East Flat Rock, 6:30 PM—Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

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

### Sunday School

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

Adult Class: *Exploring RPC Mothering a Daughter Church* - Zack Keuthan (fellowship hall)

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: *Foundations for Faith: A Study in the Shorter Catechism* - Austin Bollinger (library)

High School: *Hidden in Christ: A Journey Through Colossians* - Tyler Blohm (Pastor Zack's office)

### Additional Connections this Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>5:00-6:30 PM</b> RefPresYouth (grade 6-12) & SNL (3 months-5th grade) <b>5:00-6:30 PM</b> Boyd Drive Community Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> Flat Rock Community Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00-5:30 PM</b> Kirkside Hall Community Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:15-7:30 PM</b> Sylvan Heights Community Group
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30-9:00AM</b> 2/4 Men's Study

*Flowers!*  
*For the Foof that married me!*  
*Happy anniversary, Doodley-Doo!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. RefPres Youth and SNL (Sunday Night Live) meets to-night at 5:00 PM.
2. It's not too late to join a Community Group! There are many to choose from.
3. Next Sunday, September 24, Reformation will celebrate 25 years of God's faithfulness! Rev. Dr. Dean Turbeville (Founding Pastor) will speak during our Sunday School hour, and Rev. Dr. Tom Hawkes will preach for our worship hour. Join us for a reception following worship and hear what God is doing in the life of Reformation Church.
4. Save the Date, Friday and Saturday, October 27-28, and join us for "Cultivating Your Marriage." Dr. Tim Lane will give us practical guidance on improving your marriage with tools grounded in the concepts of the Gospel. Registration is available online at [refpres.org](http://refpres.org).

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

September 17

Babies.....Jim & Margaret Miller  
Walkers ..... Mitch & Marcesa Harper

September 24

Babies.....Adam & Sloan Glenn  
Walkers ..... Jessie Callaway and Tacy Stage

## SEPTEMBER USHERS

Andy Coe, Tim Crunk, Steve Stage

## SEPTEMBER GREETERS

Cindy Crunk

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

## 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)

---

---

---

## OFFICERS

### Session Members

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

### Diaconate Members

Mark Dugle  
Levi Friedly  
**Carlos Galvan**  
Phil Hanna  
Jeremy Maestro  
Bill O'Brien  
Ben Oldham  
Glen Reid

**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor .....Rev. Matt Lucas  
Associate Pastor .....Rev. Zack Keuthan  
Custodian..... Michael Rhodes  
Director of Children's Ministries .....Sallye Lucas  
Director of Music Ministries ..... Keith Rose  
Director of Youth Ministries .....Austin Bollinger  
Librarian ..... Elly Keuthan  
Musician ..... Chris Zhang  
Office Administrator ..... Beth Hill  
Treasurer ..... Bob Johnson

## *Reformation Presbyterian Church*

120 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue W, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792

828.698.3536 | office@refpres.org



@refpres



www.refpres.org