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February 11, 2024

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

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Psalm 40:16
Mr. Austin Bollinger

May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Trinity Hymnal #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed thy hand hath provided—

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

* 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 — Westminster Shorter Catechism #35

Pastor: What is sanctification?

People: **Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.**

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 — *His Mercy Is More*

Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. (*Chorus*)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. (*Chorus*)

CALL TO RENEWAL — Hebrews 12:3

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father,
We confess that we often grow weary and fainthearted in doing good. We easily lose sight of the one who suffered even unto death. Again and again, our wills clash with your perfect will. And yet, despite our failures, we remain your people, made righteous by the work of Jesus and sealed by the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, and renew our commitment to holiness. In Jesus's name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

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My worth is not in what I own;
Not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name;
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus:

I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die;
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *(Chorus)*

Two wonders here that I confess:
My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross. *(Chorus x 2)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

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

CHILDREN’S HYMN — *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*)

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 — *“Arm Yourselves for the Battle Against Sin”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

1 Peter 4:1-6

[1] Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, [2] so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. [3] For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. [4] With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; [5] but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. [6] For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

SERMON OUTLINE

Christ suffered to put away sin. Likewise, even if we suffer, we must commit to putting away sin.

1. Put away your past way of life.

2. Live the rest of your life for the will of God.

3. Face the future as those already living the way God does.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

Trinity Hymnal #455 (1, 3, 4, 5)

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!),
And bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. (*Refrain*)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. (*Refrain*)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (*Refrain*)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Abide with Me*

Trinity Hymnal #402 (v. 1)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

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 is scheduled for May 3-5.

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
(2nd & 4th) 269 Canterbury Way, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM—Contact: Boone Leigh, 828.421.9970

Wednesdays – 217 N. Whitted St, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM—Contact: Adam Glenn, 843.489.5022

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

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: *Who Says? A Study of the Doctrine of Scripture* - Tyler Blohm (Multi-Purpose Room)

High School: *How to Talk About Jesus* - Austin Bollinger (Associate Pastor's Office)

Additional Connections this Week

Today 5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group
5:00 PM Refpres Youth—NO SNL

Monday 10:00AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days
6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group

Tuesday 4:00 PM Kirkside Hall Community Group
4:00 PM Session Meeting
6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Continued

Wednesday 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Whitted St. Community Group
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday 10:00AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days
6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group

Friday 6:00 PM Kirkside Community Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Reid/Maestro/George Shepherding Group will have a luncheon following worship today. All visitors are invited to attend.
2. A congregational meeting will be held following worship on February 18. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote to extend the call to Austin Bollinger, for the Associate Pastor position, and to elect Joseph Warren to Elder Emeritus.
3. A meeting for women interested in mentoring or being mentored will be held in Kirkside Hall after service on Sunday, February 25 (lunch provided). This is an interest meeting only with no commitment required—just come and learn more! Contact Jessie Callaway at: jessie.callaway@protonmail.com, (828) 696-6310 for more information. RSVP on the Get Connected tab to help us with headcount for lunch.
4. If you would like to place flowers in our sanctuary, contact Tania Reid at 828.393.5005 for more information.

*The flowers today are given to the
Glory of God
and in celebration of
Crystal Goldsmith's birthday.*

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

February 11

Babies Sallye Lucas & Anne Campbell Lucas
Walkers..... Ben and Melissa Ingelse

February 18

Babies Boone and Ann Leigh
Walkers..... Eric and Sally Warren

FEBRUARY USHERS

Tim Crunk, Bob Johnson, Rick Spindler

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

FEBRUARY GREETER

Bronlynn Spindler

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

RSVP to Women’s Ministry Mentoring Interest Meeting Lunch

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
Rev. Matt Lucas
Ben Oldham
Glen Reid
Michael Rhodes
David Taylor

Diaconate Members

Levi Friedly
Carlos Galvan
Vern George
Bill Goehring
Kevin Keyzer
Jeremy Maestro
Bill O'Brien
Ralph Polk

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