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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

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*** CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 115:1**

Elder David Taylor

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Trinity Hymnal #38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*** 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 Ephesians 4:15-16)**

Elder: Why should we receive truth spoken in love?

People: **Because the truth spoken in love grows us up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.**

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Proverbs 27:5-6

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.
Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Truth and Light,
We confess that we still resist the confrontation of our faults. The darkness of sin still clings to us, and we have often clung to darkness rather than receive correction. We have deemed an imperfectly spoken rebuke more grievous than our sin that it exposed. Soften our hard hearts and break our stubborn pride. Send out your light and your truth. Lead us again unto your holy presence, where we stand unashamed by the blood of Jesus. In his name, we pray, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Before the Throne of God Above*

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook | Music: Vikki Cook
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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable "I Am",
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Give Us Clean Hands*

Words | Music: Charlie Hall

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We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus:

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
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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

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 Church: A Healing Place"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Galatians 2:1-16

[1] Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. [2] I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. [3] But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. [4] Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—[5] to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. [6] And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. [7] On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised [8] (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), [9] and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. [10] Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

[11] But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. [12] For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came

he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. [13] And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. [14] But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

[15] We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; [16] yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

SERMON OUTLINE

The gospel alone has power to heal our sin.

How should we stand firm in the gospel to be healed?

1. Accept one another as equals in Christ.

2. Receive correction from one another in Christ.

3. Choose to live in step with Christ.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Speak, O Lord*

Words and Music: Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise,
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

Trinity Hymnal #644 (v. 1)

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

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	5:00 PM RPC Youth (6th-12th) 5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group
Monday	10:00 AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days 6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group
Tuesday	6:15 PM Canterbury Way Community Group
Thursday	10:00 AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days 6:30 PM Mine Gap Community Group
Friday	6:00 PM Friday Kirkside Community Group

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God,
and in celebration of Kevin and Mary Keyzer's
24th Wedding Anniversary.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. NEXT STEP is May 3-5. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab, to the church office, or to Austin Bollinger by April 28 if you plan to attend.
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. On Sunday, May 19, Bishop Peter and Faith from Happy Life in Kenya will be here to worship with us. Bishop Peter will be preaching.
5. Following worship on May 19, we will celebrate our graduates with a special luncheon in Kirkside Hall. Everyone is invited.
6. Also, on Sunday, May 19, Pastor Zack will be giving an update on the church plant during our Sunday School hour after Promotion Sunday.
7. 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 14

Babies Lou and Margaret Torchio
Walkers Jamie and Cathy Hunt

April 21

Babies Cindy Crunk & Sallye Lucas
Walkers Andy and Joy Coe

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 _____

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Address _____

- RSVP to NEXT STEP (May 3-5)
- RSVP to Taylor/Dugle/Friedly Shepherding Group Lunch (May 5)
- I am visiting today

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COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

(Continue on the back)

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