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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 37:4, 7a**

Elder Doug Dolan

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*

Trinity Hymnal #30 (vv.1-4)

Our God, our help in ages past,	Before the hills in order stood,
Our hope for years to come,	Or earth received her frame,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,	From everlasting you are God,
And our eternal home:	To endless years the same.

Under the shadow of your throne	A thousand ages in your sight
Your saints have dwelt secure;	Are like an evening gone;
Sufficient is your arm alone,	Short as the watch that ends the night
And our defense is sure.	Before the rising sun.

*** 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 Psalm 121:2-8)**

Elder: Christian, where does your help come from?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let my foot be moved; he who keeps me will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is my keeper; the Lord is my shade on my right hand. The sun shall not strike me by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep me from all evil; he will keep my life. The Lord will keep my going out and my coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

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

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

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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.

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 — Psalm 119:14-15

Mr. Chris Price

In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father of Glory,
We have every reason to rejoice in all that we have received through Christ, but we confess that we often fail to do this. We do not always meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. We often neglect your word instead of delighting in it. Forgive us, and renew our joy and satisfaction in the riches of your grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Psalm 103:5, 11-12

[The LORD] satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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

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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 up to age 4 may be walked over to Kirkside for Children's Church

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Steps a Man Takes*

Psalm 37C ARP Psalter | Tune: Beach Springs

Steps a man takes are established by the LORD for his delight.
If he stumbles, he'll not fall down, by the LORD his hand's held tight.
Though once young, I am quite old now, yet throughout the life I've led,
I've not seen the just forsaken nor their children begging bread.

In the land the righteous settle, dwelling in it endlessly,
For the whole land in the future their inheritance shall be.
Words of wisdom speaks the righteous, justice comes forth from his lips;
Since God's law within his heart is, in his steps he never slips.

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.

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.

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

SERMON — "A Prayer for Help"

Rev. Matt Lucas

Ephesians 1:15-23

[15] For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. [22] And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

SERMON OUTLINE

Only God can give us a heart for him. We must seek the help he provides to delight in the riches of Christ.

What help does God provide?

1. Help from God's people.

a. Mutual encouragement

b. Intercessory prayer

2. Help from the illumination of the Spirit.

a. To live in the hope of God's calling

b. To live for the riches of our inheritance

c. To live by the power of God

3. Help from the fullness of Christ.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson
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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.

*** BENEDICTION**

Parents, please pick up children from Children’s Church at this time.

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

Trinity Hymnal #604 (v. 1)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing:
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

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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