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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Austin Bollinger

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 84:2, 11

Mr. Chris Price

My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *How Great Thou Art*

Trinity Hymnal #44

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *(Refrain)*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *(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 — From *the Nicene Creed***

Pastor: What do you believe about the Lord Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. We believe for us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

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.

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

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Words and Music: Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse

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Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.	Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.
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Chorus:

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.	Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne. Oh, we're falling before Your throne.
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(Chorus)

(Chorus)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Austin Bollinger

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

*** 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 Hidden Power of Prayer”*

Rev. Austin Bollinger

Matthew 7:7-11

[7] “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. [8] For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. [9] Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? [10] Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? [11] If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

SERMON OUTLINE

God gives what is needed for kingdom living to those who pray. Therefore, commit to a life of prayer.

What does it mean to commit to a life of prayer?

1. Commit to obeying the command to pray.

a. The command to pray boldly.

b. The command to pray earnestly.

c. The command to pray persistently.

2. Commit to believing the promise of prayer.

The Lord's Supper: The Lord's Supper is a family meal in which Jesus, as the host, offers himself and all the blessings of salvation to his people. All who trust in Christ, who are baptized members of a gospel church, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live faithfully unto God are invited to partake. However, if you are not a Christian, or not prepared to partake of this meal, we encourage you to remain in your pew and spend this time seeking God in prayer.

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 assures us that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ and dearly loved.

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

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER — *Jesus, I Come***

Words by William True Sleeper | Music by Greg Thompson

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Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come. Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth, Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.	Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above, Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm, Out of distress into joyful psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.	Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold, Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

*** SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*** CONFESSION OF SIN**

Father of all comfort,
You delight in giving good things to those who come to you in prayer, yet we confess how often we live as if we were orphans. You invite us to ask, seek, and knock, yet we remain silent and self-reliant. Forgive our prayerless hearts and the unbelief that keeps us from your throne of grace. By your Spirit, grant us the confidence of children approaching their father. Give us faith to trust that you will generously provide all we need through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Hebrews 7:22, 25**

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.
Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Austin Bollinger

PASSAGES FOR REFLECTION

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25] In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Hebrews 10:10-18

[10] And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. [11] And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. [12] But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, [13] waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. [14] For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. [15] And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, [16] "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," [17] then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." [18] Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

[6] Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? [7] Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. [8] Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Notes about partaking:

We come forward in groups around the table to receive the bread and wine. We eat and drink as we receive the bread and cup.

We serve a mixed tray of wine and grape juice. The outer ring contains grape juice, while the inner rings contain wine.

All bread is free of gluten, soy, dairy, nuts, and peanuts.

Psalm 34:1–10

- [1] I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- [2] My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- [3] Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
- [4] I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
- [5] Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- [6] This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- [7] The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- [8] Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- [9] Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
- [10] The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *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*)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Seek Ye First* (v. 3)

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Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

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—May 15-17

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 15-17.

Sunday School

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

Adult Class: *1 & 2 Thessalonians* —Elders Tim Crunk and Glen Reid (Fellowship Hall),
Prayer — Elder Michael Rhodes and Eric Warren (Sanctuary Basement)

Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes
Pre-K—Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog (Classroom)
K-2nd—Carly McGregor and Vickie Jenkins (Classroom)
3rd-5th—Mitch Harper and Levi Friedly (Kitchen)

Middle School: *Foundations for Faith: A Study of the Shorter Catechism* - Chris Price (Library)

High School: *Growing in Christ's Church* - Andrew Melton and Jeremy Maestro
(Assoc. Pastor's Office)

Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies.

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM—Contact: Ben Oldham, 912.531.5864

Mondays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:30 PM—Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004
419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville, 6:30 PM—Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM—Contact: Jamie Hunt, 704.578.1862

Wednesdays - 119 Sunset Hill Drive, Etowah, NC, 6:30 PM—Contact: Austin Bollinger, 828.845.0798

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:00 PM—Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533

Additional Connections this Week

Today	5:00 PM Youth Group & SNL
Monday	6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group @ Kirkside Hall 6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group
Tuesday	4:00 PM Kirkside Community Group
Wednesday	6:00 PM Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Etowah Community Group
Friday	6:00 PM Friday Kirkside Community Group
Friday-Sunday	ARP HS Spring Retreat at Bonclarken
Saturday	9:00 AM CPR & Safety Training Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The special offering for March will go to Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM).
2. The CPR/Safety Training Class is this Saturday, March 7, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM in Kirkside Hall. If you have not signed up, please contact Sallye Lucas.
3. Next Sunday, March 8 Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" an hour Saturday night.
4. Easter choir rehearsals will begin Thursday, March 5, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Contact Keith Rose at 989-627-3573 with any questions.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

March 1

Babies Neil & Michelle McGuire
Walkers Steve & Rebecca Stage

March 8

Babies Nick & Julia Mullins
Walkers Andrew & Allie Manning Melton

March 15

Babies Natalie Maestro and Rhoda Levine
Walkers Cindi Faga and Lauren Cason

Free church parking is available at the Bank of America, First Bank, Staton Law Firm, Hill Law Office, and Allstate Insurance on Church Street. Please note that the lot directly behind the Hill Law Office is paid parking. All violators will be ticketed and towed.

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Music Ministry

Women's Ministry

Youth Ministry

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COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

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