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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 107:1, 15**

Rev. Matt Lucas

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

† * 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 — Heidelberg Catechism #28**

Pastor: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

People: **We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.**

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** — *Let All Things Now Living*
Trinity Hymnal #125

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads us to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished, and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CALL TO RENEWAL — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Mr. Austin Bollinger

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father,
As your people, we have every reason to rejoice with gratitude in our hearts. And yet, too often, we are filled with ingratitude. We are sometimes discontent with our circumstances. We are sometimes bitter in the face of trials. We sometimes cling to your gifts more than we cling to our Savior. Forgive us and fill our hearts with thankfulness in Jesus's name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 2 Peter 1:3

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.”

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

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Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (*Chorus*)

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. (*Chorus*)

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom. (*Chorus*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON & DEDICATION OF OCC SHOEBOXES

Rev. Zack Keuthan

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Give Thanks*

Words and Music: Henry Smith

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Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.

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

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 — *“Abounding in Thanksgiving”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Colossians 2:6-7

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[6] Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,
[7] rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (ESV)

SERMON OUTLINE

Those who walk in Christ will abound in thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving to God overcomes:

1. Entitlement

2. Fear

3. Discouragement

4. Anger

5. Worry

6. Stinginess

7. Confusion

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *There Is a Redeemer*

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There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus:

Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names:
Precious Lamb of God Messiah,
O for sinners slain. (*Chorus*)

When I stand in glory I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever,
In that holy place (*Chorus*)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Now Thank We All Our God*

Trinity Hymnal #98 (v. 1)

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

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

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

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
269 Canterbury Way, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM—Contact: Boone Leigh, 828.421.9970

Wednesdays – 217 N. Whitted St, 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: *Jonah*—Michael Rhodes and Keith Rose (fellowship hall),
How to Talk About Jesus — Pastors Matt and Zack (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: *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

Today	5:00-5:30 PM Children's Choir Practice (No Pre-K Nursery/SNL or Youth) 5:00-6:30 PM Boyd Drive Community Group
Monday	No Flat Rock Community Group
Tuesday	No Kirkside Hall Community Group
Wednesday	No Sylvan Heights Community Group (@ Whitted Street)
Thursday	Thanksgiving (office closed)
Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)
Saturday	9:00 AM-12 Noon Hanging of the Greens

*The flowers today were given to the Glory of God, and
in thanksgiving of His faithfulness to us.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
2. The “Hanging of the Greens” will take place this Saturday, November 25, between 9:00-12:00. If you would like to help decorate the church for Advent Season, contact Linda Rhodes. You can come for 30 minutes or 3 hours. Bring pruners and gloves.
3. The Storehouse's annual Blessings in Boxes is underway. Over 2,000 needy children have signed up to receive Christmas gifts this year. You can sponsor a child by taking a name tag from one of the Christmas trees in the Narthex or Kirkside Hall, buying requested items, and returning the unwrapped gifts to RPC with a roll of wrapping paper by Sunday, December 3. Questions? Contact Leah Vanderpool or Linda Dolan.
4. There will be a children’s Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 10, at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.
5. The Taylor/Dugle/Friedly Shepherding Group will have a luncheon following worship Sunday, December 10. All visitors are invited to attend. RSVP on the Get Connected tab or contact the church office.
6. There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, December 17. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers and approve the 2024 budget.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

November 19

Babies.....Elly Keuthan & Bethany Phillis
WalkersDawn Warren & Cora Stage

November 26

Babies.....Jordan and Charity Williams
Walkers Tim and Elisa Petree

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

RSVP to Taylor/Dugle/Friedly Shepherding Group

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

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STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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