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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 61:1, 8**

Elder Keith Rose

Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone)

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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.

Find rest my soul in God alone	I'll set my gaze on God alone,
Amid the world's temptations.	And trust in Him completely,
When evil seeks to take a hold,	With ev'ry day pour out my soul;
I'll cling to my salvation.	And He will prove His mercy.
Though riches come, and riches go,	Though life is but a fleeting breath,
Don't set your heart upon them.	A sigh too brief to measure,
The fields of hope in which I sow	My King has crushed the curse of death,
Are harvested in heaven. <i>(Chorus)</i>	And I am His forever. <i>(Chorus)</i>

* 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 Proverbs 3:13-18

Elder: What do you believe about wisdom?
 People: **We believe that blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing we desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.**

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.

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *How Firm a Foundation*

Trinity Hymnal #94 (vv. 1, 2)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,	Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!	For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
What more can he say than to you he has said,	I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?	Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

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 — James 1:5-6

Mr. Chris Price

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Grace,

We know salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. We confess we have been caught up in foolish desires, put too much hope in fleeting pleasures, and given too much effort to worldly aspirations. Please forgive us and conform our hearts to the image of your Son. In his name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *There Is a Fountain*

Trinity Hymnal #253 (vv. 1-3, 5)

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away,
Washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more,
Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Thy Word* (v. 1)

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Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. (*Chorus*)

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.

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PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Rev. Matt Lucas

* 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 — *“Walk Wisely”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Ephesians 5:15-17

[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

SERMON OUTLINE

We must walk wisely as those who possess God’s wisdom.

How?

1. Make the best use of our time

2. Understand the will of the Lord for our lives

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Be Thou My Vision***

Trinity Hymnal #642 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*** BENEDICTION**

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

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Trust and Obey***

Trinity Hymnal #672 (v. 1)

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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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