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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. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*** CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 32:11**

Rev. Matt Lucas

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Come People of the Risen King*

Words and Music: Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Stuart Townend

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Come people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace. (*Chorus*)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age,
"Our God is all in all." (*Chorus*)

* 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 — *The Apostles' Creed*

Pastor: What do you believe?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;¹ the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;² the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

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.

1. The phrase "he descended into hell" means that Jesus experienced the pains of hell on the cross and endured the curse of death while in the grave.

2. The word catholic means universal. It refers to the worldwide church of Jesus Christ, embracing all Christians everywhere.

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. Afterward, children 2-3 years of age may be dismissed to the nursery. Please gather in the narthex, and a deacon will lead you to the nursery.

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

Sermons available at
www.refpres.org

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day* (vv. 1-3)

Words: Jane Leeson | Music: Karen Kuykendall

Savior, teach me day by day	Teach me thus Thy steps to trace,
Love's sweet lesson to obey;	Strong to follow in Thy grace,
Sweeter lesson cannot be,	Learning how to love from Thee,
Loving Him who first loved me.	Loving Him who first loved me.

With a child's glad heart of love
At Thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow Thee,
Loving Him who first loved me.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Zack Keuthan

* 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 — *"Says Who!?" Grappling with Jesus"*

Rev. Zack Keuthan

Luke 20:1–8

[1] One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up [2] and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority." [3] He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, [4] was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?" [5] And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' [6] But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." [7] So they answered that they did not know where it came from. [8] And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

SERMON OUTLINE

Jesus is authorized to tell us what is ultimately true. We must grapple sincerely with him for answers.

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.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Trinity Hymnal #646

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good,
To them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

* SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

* CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord,

Forgive me, for my heart is lifted up and my eyes are raised too high. I have occupied myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. I have not calmed and quieted my soul as I ought to do. Search me, O God, and know my heart, for it is deceitful and desperately wicked. Try me and know my thoughts. Reveal my secret thoughts, motives, and affections, so that I can confess them fully. Wash me clean by the power of your blood and make my heart pure as only you can. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASSAGES FOR REFLECTION

1 Corinthians 10:14–17

[14] Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. [15] I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. [16] The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? [17] Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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.

John 6:25–35

[25] When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" [26] Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. [27] Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." [28] Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" [29] Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." [30] So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? [31] Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" [32] Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

Words of assurance: God assures us that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ and dearly loved.

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.

[33] For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." [34] They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." [35] Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Isaiah 53:1-12

[1] Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [2] For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. [3] He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [4] Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. [7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. [8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? [9] And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. [10] Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. [11] Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. [12] Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

Trinity Hymnal #198 (vv. 1-3, 5)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Rejoice 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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GET CONNECTED

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: Meet in Adult Class

High School: Meet in Adult Class

Additional Connections this Week

Today	12:00 PM Taylor/Dugle/Friedly Shepherding Group Luncheon 5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group
Monday	10:00 AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days 5:30 PM Women’s Ministry Team Meeting
Tuesday	6:15 PM Canterbury Way Community Group
Wednesday	9:30 AM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 AM—12:00 PM Kirkside Days 6:30 PM Mine Gap Community Group
Saturday	7:30 AM Men’s 2/4 Study 9:00 AM—12:30 PM Church Work Day

MAY USHERS

Mark Dugle, Vern George,
Andrew Riddle, Eric Warren

Valet Parking is available
between—10:15 - 10:40 am

MAY GREETER

Jessie Callaway

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 5

Babies Adam and Sloan Glenn
Walkers..... Dawn Warren & Cora Stage

May 12

Babies Mark and Dotty Dugle
Walkers..... Tom and Sue Shoger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Taylor/Dugle/Friedly Shepherding Group will have a luncheon following worship today. All visitors are invited to attend.
2. Next Saturday, May 11, is our Church Work Day. Register at refpres.org/calendar-events or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. "Many hands make light work!"
3. Sunday, May 19, will be a full day. We will start the morning at 9:30 AM with Promotion Sunday in the fellowship hall, followed by an update on our daughter church plant from Pastor Zack. Then Bishop Peter and Faith from Happy Life in Kenya will be here to worship with us at 10:45 AM. Bishop Peter will be preaching, and then following worship, we will celebrate our graduates with a special luncheon in Kirkside Hall. Everyone is invited.
4. Mark your calendars for RPC Family Baseball Night. We will go to see the Asheville Tourists on Friday, May 31. Register at: refpres.org/calendar-events.
5. Mark your calendars for the upcoming RPC Camping Trip at Orchard Lake Campground in Saluda, NC on June 6-7. Register online at refpres.org/calendar-events.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Open Arms Pregnancy Center
(Hendersonville, NC)

Help Open Arms Pregnancy Center this Mother's Day raise money through their baby bottle fundraiser. Grab an empty baby bottle from the bassinet in the Narthex and return it filled with change, cash and/ or check donations. Return the bottles to the pack n play in the Narthex. This fundraiser will run through Father's Day, so feel free to fill as many bottles as you can! Thank you so much supporting this "Life Giving" ministry.

GET CONNECTED

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I am visiting today

I'D LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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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)

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