



reformation  
*presbyterian church*

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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 — Isaiah 65:17-18**

Elder Doug Dolan

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.

#### **† \* HYMN OF ADORATION — *This Is My Father's World***

Trinity Hymnal #111

This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

#### \* 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 — *Westminster Shorter Catechism* #38

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

People: **At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

#### **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.

#### **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.

**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 — *For All the Saints*

Trinity Hymnal #358 (vv. 1, 5, 6)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## CALL TO RENEWAL — Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

Rev. Austin Bollinger

And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord,

The world and its desires are passing away. Yet we are drawn by the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life. Forgive us and renew our desire for you. By your grace, may we cast aside every hindrance and every entangling sin. Let us be undivided in our devotion to you and undeterred in our hope for the resurrection. In Jesus's name, amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE — John 4:13-14

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

### \* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

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Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able,  
He is willing; doubt no more.  
He is able, He is able,  
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous,  
Sinners Jesus came to call.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous,  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,  
Can do helpless sinners good.  
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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

### CHILDREN'S HYMN—*The Sands of Time Are Sinking*

Trinity Hymnal #546 (vv. 1, 4)

The sands of time are sinking,  
The dawn of heaven breaks,  
The summer morn I've sighed for,  
The fair sweet morn awakes;  
Dark, dark, hath been the midnight,  
But dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,  
But her dear bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory,  
But on my King of grace;  
Not at the crown he gifteth,  
But on his pierced hand:  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Emmanuel's land.

**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](http://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 — *“Living in Light of Eternity: The New Earth”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Revelation 21:1-8

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[1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. [4] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

[5] And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” [6] And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. [7] The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. [8] But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

## SERMON OUTLINE

God promises a new earth for our eternal home.

Live consistently with a hope for the new earth.

What does God promise about the new earth?

1. God will make the earth new.

A. Creation will be made new.

B. Our bodies will be made new.

2. God will make the earth pure.

A. Evil will be removed.

B. We will be radiant.

C. Society will be righteous.

3. God will make the earth his dwelling place.

A. Our hurts will be healed.

B. Our thirst will be satisfied.



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *He Will Hold Me Fast*

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When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last! (*Chorus*)

*Chorus:*

He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast. (*Chorus*)

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *All Must Be Well* (v. 2)

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Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation; all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding,  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;  
All must be well.

**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 – 141 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM—Contact: Ben Oldham, 912.531.5864 (Sept. 15)

Mondays – 1915 Little River Road, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM—Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004 (Sept. 23)

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM—Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062 (Sept. 17)

Wednesdays (1st, 3rd & 5th) – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:00 PM—Contact: Neal Mathias, 803.609.1974 (Sept. 18)

Thursdays – 464 Mine Gap Road, East Flat Rock, 6:30 PM—Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442 (Sept. 19)

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:00 PM—Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533 (Sept. 20)

## Sunday School

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

Adult Class:        2 *Kings*—Rev. Austin Bollinger (Fellowship Hall),  
                          *Personal Finance* — Eric Warren and Mark Dugle (Sanctuary Basement)

Children:            *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes  
                          Pre-K—Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog (Classroom)  
                          K-2nd—Mary Keyzer and Sallye Lucas (Classroom)  
                          3rd-5th—Mitch Harper and Levi Friedly (Kitchen)

Middle School:    *Foundations for Faith: The Ten Commandments*—Tyler Blohm (Multi-Purpose Room)

High School:       *The Power of God for Salvation: Romans*—Andrew Melton (Associate Pastor's Office)

## Additional Connections this Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Core Interest Group Meeting in Fletcher <b>5:00 PM</b> Refpres Youth & SNL <b>5:00 PM</b> Boyd Drive Community Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Flat Rock Community Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Kirkside Community Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Mine Gap Community Group
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b> 2/4 Men's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Hiking at Bearwallow

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The monthly special offering for September will go to the local Backpack Ministry to provide meals for area children.
2. Ladies, join us this Saturday, September 28, for a hike at Bearwallow Mountain. We will meet at Kirkside at 9 AM and leave by 9:15. Please RSVP to Melissa Ingelse at 920-917-8812.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

### September 22

Babies.....Sarah De Hoog & Ruby Rose  
Walkers .....Eric and Sally Warren

### September 29

Babies..... Adam and Sloan Glenn  
Walkers .....Carlos and Caroline Galvan

## SEPTEMBER USHERS

Shaun Dukes, John Horton,  
Steve Ortiz, Nicholai Ronningen

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

## SEPTEMBER GREETER

Abby Ronningen

*The flowers today are given to  
the Glory of God and in celebration  
Of Chris & Amanda Price's  
9th wedding anniversary.*

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

- 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

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## OFFICERS

### Session Members

Rev. Austin Bollinger  
Doug Dolan  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Ben Oldham  
Glen Reid  
Michael Rhodes  
David Taylor

### Diaconate Members

Levi Friedly  
Carlos Galvan  
Vern George  
**Bill Goehring**  
Kevin Keyzer  
Jeremy Maestro  
Bill O'Brien  
Ralph Polk

**Bold:** Denotes Officer of the Month

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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