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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 29:2, 4**

Elder Ben Oldham

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *Only a Holy God*

Words & Music: Michael Farren | Jonny Robinson | Dustin Smith | Rich Thompson

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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus:

Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God. (*Chorus*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God. (*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 — Westminster Larger Catechism #95**

Elder: Of what use is the moral law to all men?

People: **The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives; to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of his obedience.**

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.

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.

† * **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** — *Father of Mercies, in Your Word*
Trinity Hymnal #144 (vv.1, 5)

Father of mercies, in your Word
What endless glory shines;
Forever be your name adored
For these celestial lines.

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
O be forever near;
Teach me to love your sacred Word,
And view my Savior there.

CALL TO RENEWAL — 2 Timothy 3:16-17
Rev. Matt Lucas

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Divine Lawgiver,
Your Word teaches us everything we need to know about you, but we confess we are slow to learn. Your law convicts us of our sin, but we are slow to repent. It points us to the path of righteousness, but our hearts are prone to wander. Forgive us, and make us into hearers and doers of your Word. In Christ's name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

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What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom.
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

Children up to age 4 may be taken to 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.

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 — “A Greater Righteousness”

Rev. Matt Lucas

Matthew 5:17-20

[17] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. [18] For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. [19] Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. [20] For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON OUTLINE

Jesus defines our relationship to the law of God. Therefore, we must learn from him the role of the law in our lives.

1. A Christ-centered understanding of the law (vv. 17-18).

a. Jesus fulfills the whole law (v. 17).

b. Jesus upholds the permanence of the law (v. 18).

c. Jesus declares the depth of the law (vv. 18, 20, 21-22).

2. A Christ-compelled attitude towards the law (v. 19).

3. A Christ-given power to obey the law (v. 20).

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

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Speak, O Lord***

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise,
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Take My Life and Let It Be***

Trinity Hymnal #585 (v. 1)

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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. Beginning September 14, 2025

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

Mondays – 1915 Little River Road, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM—Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004
464 Mine Gap Road, East Flat Rock, 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

Fridays (Bi-weekly) – 21 Warlick Road, Mills River, 6:00 PM—Contact: Austin Bollinger, 828.845.0798
(1st and 3rd) - 3088 Magnolia Drive, Hendersonville, 6:00 PM—Contact Levi at 720.618.3533

Additional Connections this Week

Sunday	2:00 PM Baby shower for Nick & Julia Mullins 5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group 5:00 PM RefPres Youth
Monday	6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group 6:30 PM Mine Gap Community Group
Tuesday	4:00 PM Kirkside Community Group

OCTOBER USHERS

9:00 AM
Carlos Galvan, John Gates,
David O'Brien

Valet Parking is available
between—8:40 - 9:05 AM

11:00 AM
AT Cason, Paul O'Neill
Jordan Williams

Valet Parking is available
between—10:40 - 11:05 AM

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

October 26 - 9:00 AM

Babies..... Hayley Bollinger & Amanda Price
Walkers Hayley Bollinger & Amanda Price

November 2 - 9:00 AM

Babies..... Hayley Bollinger & Amanda Price
Walkers Hayley Bollinger & Amanda Price

October 26 - 11:00 AM

Babies Myra Johnson and Abigail Friedly
Walkers..... Eric & Sally Warren, Cliff & Ann Marr

November 2 - 11:00 AM

Babies Mitch & Marcesa Harper
Walkers... Crystal Goldsmith, Cindy Crunk, Ann Brice

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. Prepare your hearts for the Lord's Supper next Sunday in Kirkside Hall. Please consider the following passages before coming to the table: 1 Corinthians 10:16-22, 11:27-29; Matthew 5:23-24. The Special Offering for November will go to The Storehouse's Blessings in Boxes.
2. There will be no SNL tonight.
3. Operation Christmas Child is underway. Please join us by picking up a box in the Fellowship Hall to pack. For more information, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. Please return your box to the fellowship hall by Sunday, November 16.
4. The Youth Ministry Committee invites all youth grades 6th-12th to enjoy a time of fellowship in the Associate Pastor office from 10:10-10:45 on Sunday, November 2nd between services. Donuts and juice will be provided!
5. AT and Lauren Cason have returned home from England and are giving a Homecoming Concert at Kirkside Hall on Friday, November 7, at 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy an evening of original songs and stories about their time in England.
6. The Christmas choir practice starts Thursday, November 6, at 5:15 PM in Kirkside Hall. Please contact Keith Rose @ 989-627-3573 if you want to participate.

*Today's flowers are given by Bob and Ann Coley,
in thankfulness for
Reformation Presbyterian Church
and our church family.*

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(Place in offering box)

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☐ Music Ministry

☐ Women's Ministry

☐ Youth Ministry

☐ Receive a call from a pastor

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

(Continue on the back)

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