



reformation
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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. Austin Bollinger

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*** CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 104:24, 31**

Elder Ben Oldham

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works.

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Trinity Hymnal #116 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, [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 - *NEW CITY CATECHISM QUESTIONS 4 - 5*

Elder: How and why did God create us?

People: **God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.**

Elder: What else did God create?

People: **God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.**

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 — *Be unto Your Name*

Words and Music: Gary Sadler | Lynn DeShazo

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We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. (*Chorus x 2*)

CALL TO RENEWAL — Matthew 19:3-6

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And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Faithful God,

We live in a world marked by flexible commitments, self-seeking, and broken promises. We confess the culture of unfaithfulness has corrupted our understanding of marriage, and how it points to Christ and his unchanging covenant bond with his people. Forgive us for dishonoring marriage. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Isaiah 54:10

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on You.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Words: George Matheson | Music: Christopher Miner

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O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshines blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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Children up to age 4 may be taken to Children's Church

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

CHILDREN’S HYMN — *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

Trinity Hymnal #535 (v. 1)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

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 — *“Till Death Do Us Part”*

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Matthew 5:31-32

[31] “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ [32] But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

SERMON OUTLINE

Jesus protects marriage. Therefore, we must commit to protecting marriage.

How does Jesus protect marriage?

1. By confronting the selfishness that leads to divorce (v. 31)

2. By restricting the practice of divorce (v. 32a)

3. By warning against the consequences of divorce (v. 32b)

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

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Trinity Hymnal #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Here Is Love* (v. 1)

Words: William Rees & William Edwards | Music: Robert Lowry
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Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

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	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
Wednesday	9:30 AM WM Bible Study 6:00 PM Outreach and Missions Meeting 6:30 PM WM Bible Study
Thursday	5:15 PM Christmas Choir Practice
Friday	6:00 PM Horse Shoe Community Group 6:00 PM Magnolia Community Group
Saturday	7:45 AM Upward Call

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

November 16- 9:00 AM

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

November 16 - 11:00 AM

Babies..... Rhonda Levine and Cathy Hunt
WalkersMary Keyzer and Anne Campbell Lucas

November 23- 9:00 AM

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

November 23 - 11:00 AM

Babies..... Jordon & Charity Williams
WalkersTim & Elisa Petree and Levi Peterson

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 Special Offering for November will go to The Storehouse’s Blessings in Boxes.
- 2. Boxes for Samaritans Purse are due today. Please return your box to the fellowship hall.
- 3. All men are invited to a brief meeting next Sunday morning, November 23, in the fellowship hall at 10:15 AM. We will discuss opportunities to serve, especially the need for ushers.
- 4. The Storehouse annual Blessings in Boxes is underway. Close to 2,000 needy children have signed up to receive Christmas gifts. You can sponsor a child or two by taking a name tag from the Christmas tree in Kirkside Hall, buying the requested gifts, and returning unwrapped gifts to RPC by Sunday, December 7. Please remember to write your name tag information on the sign-up sheet. If you have questions, please contact Linda Dolan.
- 5. There will be a Pancake Breakfast hosted by Nicholai Ronningen on Saturday, November 29, at 9:00 AM in Kirkside Hall. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared for you, and a time of fellowship. Sign up online at refpres.org/calendar-events
- 6. Mark your calendars for our Christmas Banquet on December 12, 6:00 PM, at Bonclarken. The cost is \$15 per person, and \$50 per family (parents & children). Children under 5 are free. The deadline to sign up is Monday, December 8. You can sign up and pay online at refpres.org/calendar-events.

*The flowers today are given
to the glory of God.*

*“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
Psalm 46:10*

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

(Continue on the back)

OFFICERS

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Rev. Austin Bollinger	Levi Friedly
Doug Dolan	Vern George
Kevin Keyzer	Bill Goehring
Rev. Matt Lucas	Mitch Harper
Ben Oldham	Jeremy Maestro
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