



reformation  
*presbyterian church*

March 9, 2025

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 103:1, 22

Elder Doug Dolan

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

#### † \* 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 — *The Apostles' Creed***

Elder: 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;<sup>1</sup> 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;<sup>2</sup> the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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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.

**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 — *Here I Am to Worship* (vv. 1, 2)

Words | Music: Tim Hughes

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Light of the world,	King of all days,
You stepped down into darkness,	Oh so highly exalted,
Opened my eyes, let me see.	Glorious in heaven above.
Beauty that made	Humbly You came
This heart adore You,	To the earth You created,
Hope of a life spent with You.	All for love's sake became poor. ( <i>Chorus</i> )

*Chorus:*

So, here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

### CALL TO RENEWAL — James 4:10

Rev. Matt Lucas

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

### SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Sovereign Lord,  
We confess that in times of ease and prosperity we feel that we are in control. We often interpret your blessings as the due reward for our efforts. But you alone are in control of all things and every good and perfect gift is from your hand. All your works are right and all your ways are just. Forgive us for walking in pride and humble us by your grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Philippians 2:8-10

Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

**\* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Wonderful, Merciful Savior***

Words and Music: Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse

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Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Chorus:*

You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way.  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (*Chorus*)

Almighty, infinite Father,  
Faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne.  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (*Chorus*)

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Rev. Matt Lucas

**CHILDREN'S HYMN—*My God Is So Big***

Words | Music: Ruth Harms Calkin

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My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God can not do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God can not do.

The mountains are his, the rivers are his,  
The stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God can not do, for you!

**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.

**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.

**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)

**SERMON** — *"Learning from Failure"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

**SCRIPTURE** — Daniel 4:1-37

(Pew Bible pages 740-742)

**SERMON OUTLINE**

God graciously humbles prideful people. Therefore, learn humility from God.

Why should we learn humility from God?

1. God rules over everything.

2. God can remove everything.

3. God can restore everything.



**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *How Great Thou Art***

Trinity Hymnal #44

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *(Refrain)*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *(Refrain)*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *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.

**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

### Next Step—May 2-5

NEXT STEP is for those who want to learn more about RPC. We gather on Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday mornings to talk about our vision, beliefs, and ministries. Participating in NEXT STEP does not require you to become a member of RPC but may help in making an informed decision about membership. Next session will be held Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4

### Sunday School

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

Adult Class: *Galatians*—Tim Crunk & Ben Oldham (Fellowship Hall),  
*Marriage* — Rev. Boone Leigh (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: *Justification*—Austin Bollinger and Chris Price (Multi-Purpose Room)

High School: *Who Am I? What God Says About Identity and Purpose*—  
Jeremy Maestro (Associate Pastor's Office)

### Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes.

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

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

Thursdays – 419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville, 6:30 PM—Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

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

Fridays (Bi-weekly) - 147 BlackBerry Hill Lane, Horse Shoe, 6:00 PM—Contact: Austin Bollinger, 828.845.0798

### Additional Connections this Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> Boyd Drive Community Group <b>5:00 PM</b> SNL & Youth Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Flat Rock Community Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	Presbytery Meeting @ Backcreek ARP Church in Charlotte, NC <b>4:00 PM</b> Kirkside Hall Community Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Jacamar Way Community Group

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The special offering for March will go to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM).
2. There will be a Happy Life Team Meeting next Sunday following worship. Please RSVP to the office.
3. Easter choir rehearsals will begin Thursday, March 20, at 5 pm in the sanctuary.
4. All ladies are invited to a Sip-N-See for Annie McGuire and Ira Glenn following worship on Sunday, March 23, in the fellowship hall. Look for more information to come.
5. The Outreach and Missions Team is hosting a baby shower for Open Arms Pregnancy Center on Saturday, March 29, from 11 am - 1 pm. We hope to collect resources for moms and babies in our community who are in need. Please come for food, drink, and a time of fellowship. Refer to the bulletin insert for a list of Open Arms needs. Contact Aubrey Friedly at 828-434-1161 for more information.
6. The next session of Next Step will be held on Friday, May 2, through Sunday, May 4.

*The flowers today are given by  
David and Mary O'Brien in celebration of  
their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.*

### MARCH USHERS

Skip Goldsmith, Bill O'Brien  
Gibbon Pender, Steve Stage

### MARCH GREETER

Jessie Callaway

Valet Parking is available  
10:15 - 10:40 AM

**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.**

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(Place in offering box)

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I am visiting today

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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  
Kevin Keyzer  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Ben Oldham  
Glen Reid  
David Taylor

### Diaconate Members

Levi Friedly  
**Vern George**  
Bill Goehring  
Mitch Harper  
Jeremy Maestro  
Ralph Polk

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## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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