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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 93:1-2

Elder Doug Dolan

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

† * 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*

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;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.

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.

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.

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Trinity Hymnal #295 (vv. 1, 4)

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Psalm 22:27-28

Rev. Austin Bollinger

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty King,
We are gathered in your name, worshipping you, and believing that you are here with us. Yet we often forget that you are the sovereign ruler. We live as though the powers of this world are permanent. We give in to a spirit of fear. Forgive us and remind us that you are both willing and able to save us. In Jesus' name, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Ancient of Days*

Words & Music by: Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Michael Farren | Jesse Reeves

Though the nations rage	Though I may not see
Kingdoms rise and fall	What the future brings
There is still one King	I will watch and wait
Reigning over all	For the Savior king
So I will not fear	Then my joy complete
For this truth remains	Standing face to face
That my God is the Ancient of Days	In the presence of the Ancient of Days
	<i>(Chorus)</i>

Chorus

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days *(Chorus)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

Children up to age 4 may be taken over to Kirkside for Children's Church

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

CHILDREN’S HYMN — *Mighty to Save*

Words and Music: Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

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Chorus:

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

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 — *“The Struggle for Power ”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

SCRIPTURE — Daniel 11:2-20

(Pew Bible page 748-749)

SERMON OUTLINE

In a world of big forces, we trust that the Lord reigns.

1. The world's power is limited.
In what way is it limited?

A. It is unstable due to sin.

B. It is temporary due to conflict.

2. The Lord's power is unlimited.
In what way is it unlimited?

A. He is sovereign over the details of life.

B. He is sovereign over the scope of history.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

Trinity Hymnal #92

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!***

Trinity Hymnal #296 (v. 1)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.

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

We will take a break from Sunday School this summer. This will give us much needed time for training in several different ministries.

Additional Connections this Week

Monday	6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group
Friday	5:00 PM Youth Gathering at the Bollinger Home

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

July 20

Babies	Sarah De Hoog & Abigail Friedly
Walkers.....	Andy and Joy Coe

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Babies	Hayley Bollinger & Beth Hill
Walkers.....	Eric and Sally Warren

JULY USHERS

Tom Hooker, Boone Leigh,
Tim Petree
Valet Parking is available
between—10:15 - 10:40 am

JULY GREETER

Abby Ronningen

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 July will go to the Storehouse 4th of July Challenge.
2. The Dolan/Maestro Shepherding Group will have a luncheon today following worship. All visitors are invited to attend.
3. There will be a youth fellowship event hosted by RPC Youth Leaders at the Bollinger home (119 Sunset Hill Dr) this Friday, July 25th from 5:00-8:00 P.M. Dinner and games will be provided. All rising 6th-12th grade students are invited.
4. The Family Bible Conference is July 28-31. Keynote speakers are Dr. Ben Glaser and Rev. Jeff Kingswood. This year's theme is "Worship and the Psalms." Register online at arpconferences.org/fbc-2025.

*The flowers today are given in praise
for God's many blessings.*

GET CONNECTED

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Address _____

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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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