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A Congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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.

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.

WELCOME TO REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ-centered · Gospel-driven · Kingdom-focused

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 62:7-8

Elder Michael Rhodes

On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. (ESV)

HYMN OF ADORATION — *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Trinity Hymnal #457

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

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, for ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — *Heidelberg Catechism* #1

Elder: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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 — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Trinity Hymnal #32 (vv. 1, 3)

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!

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*)

CALL TO RENEWAL — Psalm 131:1-3

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. (ESV)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father,
Though you hold us in your hands, our souls are often not calm. We struggle to rest completely in your love and care. Our minds often race with things too great for us. In this, our hearts are lifted up in pride. We often think we must have everything figured out. We often think we must control everything. Search us, O God! Free us from our anxious thoughts and lead us in the way everlasting! In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Matthew 14:28-31

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (ESV)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *All Must Be Well*

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Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor; all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.

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.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, “All is well.”
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes, in living and in dying,
All must be well.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

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. Afterward, children 2-3 years of age may be dismissed to the nursery. Please gather in the narthex, and a deacon will lead you to the nursery.

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 — *What Is Our Only Hope In Life and Death?*

Words: The New City Catechism | Music: Frank Hernandez

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What is our only hope in life and death?
That we are not our own but belong to God.
That we are not our own but belong to God.

What is our only hope in life and death?
That we are not our own but belong to God.
We are not our own, we are not our own.
We are not our own but belong to God.

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 — *"You Can't Always Get What You Want"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Philippians 4:10-20

[10] I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11] Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through him who strengthens me. [14] Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. [15] And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. [16] Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. [17] Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. [18] I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. [19] And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20] To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

SERMON OUTLINE

Christian maturity is contentment with God's provisions.

1. True contentment is learned

2. True contentment is tested

3. True contentment is a secret

HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *It Is Well With My Soul*

Trinity Hymnal #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"— it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Psalms 62 (My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone)*

Words and Music by Aaron Keyes and Stuart Townend (Chorus)

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Chorus:

O praise Him, hallelujah,
My Delight and my Reward.
Everlasting, never failing;
My Redeemer, my God.

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.

GET CONNECTED

Next Step

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.

Sunday School

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

Adult: *God's Ways with His People* - Pastor Matt Lucas

Children: *The Gospel Story* - Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog, Sallye Lucas and Marie Pender, Crystal Goldsmith and Jeremy Maestro

Middle School: *God for Us: An Introduction to Covenant Theology* - Austin Bollinger

Classes at Sanctuary in the basement, 9:30 am

High School: *The Book of Job* - Pastor Zack Keuthan

Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes.

Sundays – Boyd Drive, 5:00 pm - Contact: John Gates at 907.244.7709

Mondays – Flat Rock, 6:30 pm - Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004

Tuesdays – Kirkside Hall, 4:00 pm - Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062

Wednesdays – Sylvan Heights, 6:15 pm - Contact: Zack Keuthan, 828.702.6807

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – Olde Chanteloup Ct, 6:00 pm - Contact: Levi Friedly at 720.618.3533

Ways to Serve

Men, you can serve at RPC by being an usher during worship service. Please contact Mark Dugle at 828.707.4839 for more information.

Additional Connections this Week

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| Today | 5:00 pm Youth Group & SNL |
| Saturday | 7:30 am 2/4 Men's Study |
| | 9:30 am Medical Response Team Training |
| | 3:30 pm Women's Fall Gathering |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Women's Fall Gathering is this Saturday, October 23, from 3:30-5:30 pm in Kirkside Hall. Sign up online at refpres.org/women or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by Wednesday, October 20. Childcare provided. We will gather around a charcuterie table and listen to Rebekah Carson, our missionary to Germany, speak about finding joy.
2. Join us next Sunday during Sunday School to hear Rebekah Carson speak about her time in Germany.
3. The Middle School Fall Retreat will be November 12-14. The deadline to sign-up is November 5. Sign-up by going to the Youth page at www.refpres.org.

WORSHIP NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

October 17

Babies Beth Hill & Marty Reed
Walkers Lou Ann Aheron & Gracie Coe

October 24

Babies Eric & Sally Warren
Walkers Jeremy & Natalie Maestro

USHERS

October

Mark Goldsmith, Charlie Johnson,
Jerry Knight

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

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RSVP to NEXT STEP

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I'D LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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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

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Skip Goldsmith
Rev. Zack Keuthan
Rev. Matt Lucas
Michael Rhodes
Joseph Warren

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Bill O'Brien
Andrew Riddle
Robin Troy

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