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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.

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.

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 106:1

Elder Joseph Warren

Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever! (ESV)

HYMN OF ADORATION — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Trinity Hymnal #53 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who with
Marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health,
And with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
Hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

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 — *The Larger Catechism #7*

Elder: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being,
glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient,
eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every
where present, almighty, knowing all things,
most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful
and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in
goodness and truth.

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.

Baptism is administered by the church in obedience to the command of Christ (Matt. 28:19-20). As a sign it represents our union with Christ, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and resulting regeneration, adoption, cleansing from sin, and resurrection, as well as our membership into the church, the body of Christ. As a seal, or guarantee, baptism confirms the promise of God in the covenant of grace to save sinners by faith.

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.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *How Great Is Our God*

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

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The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb. (*Chorus*)

Chorus:
How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00 AM)

Harold Chapman Warren

BAPTISM DOXOLOGY

Words: Unknown | Music: German Hymn Tune *Lasst uns erfreuen* (v. 3)

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Children of promise brought to you,
O gracious God their hearts make new;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Washed by the water and the blood,
Sealed with the sign from heav'n above.
O praise you! O praise you!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO RENEWAL — Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus says the LORD:
"Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?

All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the LORD.
But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word. (ESV)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Sovereign Lord,
You have made all things. Heaven is your throne! Who are we?
Lord, forgive our pride. We confess we make too much of
ourselves and too little of you. Humble us. Give us a contrite
spirit. Make us tremble at your word. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed. (ESV)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE — Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Music: Thomas Kelly | Music: Folk Tune | Arranged: Phillip Palmertree (vv. 1, 4)
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Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son God now has spoken:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

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.

Parent (s): Please come forward with your children for the children's sermon as we sing the last verse of the hymn. Each child will sit with their family with space between other families. The children's sermon makes the Bible accessible to young children.

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 — *Seek Like Silver*

Words: Tyler Cason | Lauren Cason | Children of RPC

Music: William B. Bradbury

Seek like silver then you’ll know,
Understanding soon shall show,
In the Proverbs it is stored,
Fear and knowledge of our Lord.

Chorus:

Receive my words and treasure,
Receive my words and treasure,
Receive my words and treasure,
The Proverbs tell me so (*Repeat*)

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 — *"Dealing with a Fool"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Proverbs 26:1-12

- [1] Like snow in summer or rain in harvest,
so honor is not fitting for a fool.
- [2] Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying,
a curse that is causeless does not alight.
- [3] A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
and a rod for the back of fools.
- [4] Answer not a fool according to his folly,
lest you be like him yourself.
- [5] Answer a fool according to his folly,
lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- [6] Whoever sends a message by the hand of a fool
cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.
- [7] Like a lame man’s legs, which hang useless,

- is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- [8] Like one who binds the stone in the sling
is one who gives honor to a fool.
- [9] Like a thorn that goes up into the hand of a drunkard
is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- [10] Like an archer who wounds everyone
is one who hires a passing fool or drunkard.
- [11] Like a dog that returns to his vomit
is a fool who repeats his folly.
- [12] Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him. (ESV)

SERMON OUTLINE

God always deals wisely with fools. We must imitate him by dealing wisely with fools.

How do we imitate God?

1. Give a fool what he should receive.

a. Not honor. . .

b. But discipline.

2. Answer a fool in the right way.
 - a. Not according to his folly.
 - b. According to his folly.
3. Avoid a fool when entanglements harm.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Be Thou My Vision*

Trinity Hymnal #642 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

Trinity Hymnal #644 (vv. 1, 2)

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his pow'r.

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 morning 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. If interested, RSVP on the “Get Connected” tear-off tab, place it in the offering plate in the Narthex, and join us for our next session on April 23 and 24.

Sunday School

Classes at Kirkside Hall (brick building next door), 10:15 am; nursery provided

Adult: Job

Children: The Gospel Story

Classes at Sanctuary in the basement, 10:15 am

Youth: 10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity

Ways to Serve

Help love our children by volunteering in the nursery during the 11:15 AM worship service. We also need smiling faces to greet our families and handout Children’s Worship Bulletins. Contact Sallye Lucas at 828.702.2892.

For Additional Information

Fill out the form on the next page, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate.

Additional Connections this Week

Today	No Youth Group today
Monday -Wednesday	Bonclarken Work Week
Friday-Saturday	Next Step
Saturday	7:30 am 2/4 Men’s Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The ARP Synod's Special Easter Offering will be collected this month. More information is available in the Narthex. Please use the enclosed envelope in the brochure for your donation.
2. Next Step, a time to learn more about RPC, will meet this Friday, April 23, 7:00-8:30 PM, and Saturday, April 24, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM. If you would like to join us, you may contact the church office, sign up at www.refpres.org/visitors, or RSVP on the Get Connected tear-off tab and place it in the offering plate. Please respond by this Wednesday, April 21.
3. While most Community Groups are wrapping up, the Tuesday community group will begin a new 6-week study on the Six Miracles of Calvary. Tuesdays at 4:00 PM, in Kirkside Hall. Mask accommodating. Contact: David Taylor at 757.375.5062 or dctay49@gmail.com for more information.

USHERS

April

9 AM

Vern George
Gibbon Pender

11 AM

Kevin Cloutier
John Mathews

Valet Parking is available between
8:30-9:00 am & 10:45-11:15 am

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☐ RSVP to NEXT STEP

☐ I am visiting today

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☐ 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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