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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 117:1-2

Elder Michael Rhodes

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD! (ESV)

HYMN OF ADORATION — *From All that Dwell Below the Skies (Psalm 117)*

Words: Isaac Watts | Music: German Hymn Tune

From all that dwell below the skies,
O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung
In every land, by every tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the mercies of the LORD,
And truth eternal is His word;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore
Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 — based on Revelation 5:12, 9-10

Elder: Why is Jesus worthy of worship?

People: **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Worthy are you for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Mighty to Save*

Words and Music: Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan (vv. 1, 2)

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Everyone needs compassion	So take me as You find me,
Love that's never failing.	All my fears and failures.
Let mercy fall on me.	Fill my life again.
Everyone needs forgiveness,	I give my life to follow,
The kindness of a Savior.	Everything I believe in.
The hope of nations.	Now I surrender. <i>(Chorus)</i>

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 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.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Jonah 1:1-3

Rev. Matt Lucas

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. (ESV)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God,

We often run from you and from the things you would have us do. In our shame, we flee from your presence. In our fear, we doubt your power and your good plans. In our arrogance, we do what we want instead of obeying you. Please forgive us. Help us to obey you and your word. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Romans 10:10-13

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (ESV)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

Trinity Hymnal #465 (vv. 1, 3)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. (*Refrain*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Zack Keuthan

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *Step by Step*

Words and Music: David (Beaker) Strasser

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O God, You are my God,
And I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God,
And I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

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.

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

New Sermon Series *"God of Promise, Man of Faith"*

Abraham is called the "father of faith" because he believed God when the promises of God seemed impossible. Abraham possessed true yet imperfect faith. His faith faltered on many occasions, but the God of covenant grace and faithfulness overcame. We too must learn to trust God by an ever-growing belief in the One who always keeps his promises. Let's travel with Abraham on a journey of faith.

Sermon — "Go!"
Rev. Zack Keuthan

Genesis 12:1-9

[1] Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." [4] So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. [5] And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, [6] Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. [7] Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. [8] From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. [9] And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb. (ESV)

SERMON OUTLINE

Because the world's hope of blessing is found in Jesus, we must go and make disciples of all nations. That is our mission (vv. 1–3).

How do we fulfill this mission?

1. By leaving and going (vv. 4–5)

2. By being a witness (vv. 6–7)

3. By calling upon the name of the LORD (vv. 8–9)

HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

Words and Music: Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Stuart Townend

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Hear the call of the kingdom,
Lift your eyes to the King;
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom,
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him,
Loving all that is right,
That the life of Christ may shine through us.

Chorus:

King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness,
And a hope yet to come:
Let the nations put their trust in Him. (*Chorus*)

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Come People of the Risen King*

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Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice!

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, join us for our next session which will meet in the fall.

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

Men, you can serve at RPC by being an usher during the 9:00 am or 11:15 am worship service. Please contact Mark Dugle at 828.707.4839 for more information.

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** RefPresYouth

Saturday **7:30 am** 2/4 Men's Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Join us at Flat Rock Park Pavilion today following the 2nd service and help us celebrate our 2021 graduates with a potluck picnic.

<u>High School</u>	<u>College</u>
Addy Coe	Maxwell George
Parker Douglass	Samuel Lucas
Allie Manning Lucas	
Ella Riddle	

2. Next Sunday, May 23, Pastor Zack will give an overview of the Cherokee Mission Trip during the Sunday School hour in Kirkside Hall. Reformation is putting together a team for a short-term mission trip to Cherokee, NC, this summer, August 1–7. This church-wide opportunity is open to all adults, youth, and children. A parent must accompany anyone under the age of 12. If you would like to participate in some way, please contact Pastor Zack.
3. Ladies, save the date for Saturday, June 26, and join us for the Women's Summer Picnic! Details to follow.

USHERS

May

9:00 am	11:15 am
Doug Dolan	Jerry Knight
Chris Hill	Glen Reid

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

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Missions/Outreach

Music Ministry

Women's Ministry

Youth Ministry

Receive a call from a pastor

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

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