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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP — Revelation 4:10-11

Elder Jim Miller

They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

HYMN OF ADORATION — *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Trinity Hymnal #296 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

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 — *Shorter Catechism #38*

Elder: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

People: **At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

Words: Charles Wesley | Martin Madan | Joseph Swain | John Cennick

Music: Darwin Jordan

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(w. 1, 3, 4)

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation, slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Allelujah! Allelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air:
Allelujah! Allelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own;
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Allelujah! Come, Lord, come!

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.

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.

CALL TO RENEWAL — Hebrews 3:12-4:1

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief. Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that our hearts can be stubborn.
We confess our refusal to follow your word.
We confess our distrust of your ways
and desire to set our own course.
Please forgive our prideful rebellion against your loving authority.
Remove our hardness of heart and renew in us a humble spirit.
For the glory of Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Psalm 51:7-9

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Isaiah 43*

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When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are Mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire,
You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are Mine. (*Chorus*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON & DEDICATION OF OCC SHOEBOXES

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *I Belong to Jesus*

Trinity Hymnal #129 (vv. 1, 4, 6)

I belong to Jesus, I am not my own;
All I have and all I am shall be his alone.

I belong to Jesus, He has died for me;
I am his and he is mine through eternity.

I belong to Jesus, and ere long I'll stand
With my precious Savior there in the glory land.

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 stage. Afterwards, 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.

Worship through offerings: All that we have comes from God and he shares generously with us; His greatest gift is his Son Jesus Christ. We worship him by giving to the work of proclaiming his gospel by word and deed.

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING — *For the Beauty of the Earth with Fairest Lord Jesus*

Music: Conrad Kocher | Arranged: Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

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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 — *“Assurance for the Day of the Lord”*

Rev. Matt Lucas

Malachi 3:13-4:3 (pew Bible page 802-03)

SERMON NOTES

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

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.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

Words: Samuel Stennett | Music: Christopher Miner

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On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

Men: I am bound **Women:** I am bound

Men: I am bound **Women:** I am bound

All: I am bound for promised land (*Repeat*)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest? (*Chorus*)

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Trinity Hymnal #580 (v. 3)

Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Please gather your children promptly after the service.

GET CONNECTED

Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes.

Sundays – Brookland Manor, 6:00 pm - Contact: Skip Goldsmith, 828.808.1589

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 (Nursery 6-8 pm. RSVP weekly by Tuesday to Sallye Lucas, 828.702.2892)

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

5th Avenue, 6:30 pm - Contact: John Gates, 907.244.7709

Prayer Time, 6:30 pm - Contact: Joseph Warren, 828.388.1750

Thursdays – Mills River, 7:00 pm - Contact: Robin Troy, 828.606.3995

Sunday School

Classes for all ages at Kirkside Hall (brick building next door), 9:15 am; nursery provided

Adult: Relational Ministry: Growing One Another in Christ

High School: Minor Prophets

Middle School: Understanding the Bible

Children: The Gospel Story

Newcomers Lunches

All visitors are invited to be our guests for lunch following worship on the 2nd Sunday of January, February, March, September, October, and November in our fellowship hall (brick building next door). Please RSVP on the "Get Connected" tear-off tab and place it in the offering plate by the 1st Sunday of the month.

Next Step

NEXT STEP is for people who want to learn more about RPC. We gather on a 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 it is helpful for making an informed decision about membership. If interested, please join us for our next session in March.

ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS THIS WEEK

Today	12:00 pm Ushers (and family) lunch 5:30-7:00 pm Y(o)LT @ Keuthan Home No Youth Group
Wednesday	6:30 pm E.G.G.S. (Encouraging Girls to Grow in Spirit) Middle School 6:30 pm G.R.I.T.S. (Girls Raised In Truth and Spirit) High School
Saturday	8:00 am Men's Fellowship @ Kirkside Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Following worship today, the deacons will be hosting a lunch for the usher ministry. If interested, you are welcome to attend even if you have not signed up.
2. Bless a child this Christmas by choosing an ornament from the “Blessings in Boxes” trees located in the Narthex and Kirkside Hall. Print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet. All gifts are due by Sunday, December 8.
3. If you have a holiday music selection you would like to perform at our annual Christmas Program next month, please contact Karen Kuykendall by the end of this week for details.
4. On Sunday Dec. 1, RefPresYouth will host a game night (board games and card games) in Kirkside Hall from 5:30-7:30. All ages are welcome; children under age 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
5. Youth Ski Retreat. February 7–9. Students and friends can sign up on the website at www.refpres.org/youth. The trip is limited to 30 students (first come, first served). The trip costs \$75; with ski lessons \$95.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

November 17

Babies Carlos & Caroline Galvan
Walkers Andrew Riddle, Abbie Kate & Carolyn Leigh

November 24

Babies Greg & Katie Grant
Walkers Mack & Anna Phillips & Allie Manning Lucas

USHERS

November

Front Entrance..... Carlos Galvan, Vern George, Gary Waldron
Rear Entrance..... Mark Goldsmith

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

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering plate)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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

(Continue on the back)

OFFICERS

Elders

* Skip Goldsmith
Rev. Zack Keuthan
Rev. Matt Lucas
* Jim Miller IV
* Michael Rhodes
David Taylor
Joseph Warren

Deacons

* Bob Coley
Doug Dolan
Mark Dugle
Kevin Keyzer
* Gibbon Pender
Jay Pratt
Glen Reid
Andrew Riddle
Robin Troy
* Eric Warren

*Currently Rotated off Session or Diaconate

Bold: Denotes Officer of the Month

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor..... Rev. Matt Lucas
Associate Pastor/Youth..... Rev. Zack Keuthan
Children's Ministry Director.....Sallye Lucas
Custodian..... Michael Rhodes
Librarian..... Elly Keuthan
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Musician Chris Zhang
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