

Reformation Lutheran Church

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Crowning the Church Year

Welcome to Reformation!

Called by Christ, we **INVITE** all people, **SERVE** our neighbors, and **BUILD** a living faith.

Welcome! First time visitors are invited to stop by our welcome center in the lobby.
All are invited to **check in** with us using the friendship pads in your row or online at relcmedia.org/hello.

Land Acknowledgement – Reformation is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Lenapehoking (Lenni-Lenape) people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Children in worship are a blessing. We invite our smallest members to sit toward the front where it is easiest for them to see and hear worship and to join the pastors for the Sermon on the Steps. A Pray Ground space is available during worship at the back of the sanctuary. Worship Bags can be filled at the Pray Ground and taken to your seat. A professionally staffed nursery is available for children from birth to age 4. Worship is livestreamed to the nursery as well as to the lobby. A family restroom is located on the lower level.

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Our Prayer List can be found at relcmedia.org/virtualchurch. To make your prayer request known, please call or email the church office at 610-891-0600, rlc@relcmedia.org.

Worship is livestreamed and recorded. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit in the balcony or speak to a pastor.

Williams Personal PA Receivers are available for use by the hearing impaired.

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Gathering

*Please stand as you are able **Congregational responses are indicated in bold**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Advent

Watching and Waiting

Litany for the Crowning of the Church Year*

Holy God, Alpha and Omega,
You are the beginning and the end.

In periods of watching and waiting, seasons of celebration and joy, times of lament and sorrow,
You are the God who reigns over all our days.

As we remember the story of your never-ending love,
You prepare our hearts to worship You. Amen.

Gathering Song* Even So Come

Verse 1
All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon

Verse 2
Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame Jesus is coming soon

Chorus
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Verse 3
There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Bridge
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon

Chorus 2
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
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Greeting*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son reigns over your people in every season. Help us to see you at work in every time and place, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, **Amen**.

Sermon on the Steps

Around the Circle
by Laura Alary

Word

Christmas

Emmanuel, God With Us

Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

A reading from Isaiah.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Christmas Hymn Joy to the World Hymn 267



Epiphany

The Light Shines in the Darkness

Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from Matthew.

[1] In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from
the east came to Jerusalem, [2] asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of
the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.”
[3] When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, [4] and
calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them
where the Messiah was to be born. [5] They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it
has been written by the prophet: [6] ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by
no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to
shepherd my people Israel.’ ” [7] Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned
from them the exact time when the star had appeared. [8] Then he sent them to
Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found
him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” [9] When they had
heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had
seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. [10] When they
saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11] On entering the
house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him
homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh. [12] And having been warned in a dream not to return to
Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Burn Like a Star

Verse 1
We were born for greater things
We were born to chase Your dreams
Come my Lord awaken holy fire
We are turning from our sin
We are praying once again
Come my Lord awaken holy fire
We are aching for the real thing
Hearts are open wide

Chorus 1
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
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Verse 2
Send revival start in us
Set Your holy spark in us
Send us out in resurrection power
History's about to change
We are rising once again
Send us out in resurrection power
We are aching for the real thing
Hearts are open wide

Chorus 1
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
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Lent

Penitence and Preparation

Apostles' Creed*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession*

Returning to the Lord, our God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

[After each prayer petition:]

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

[The prayers conclude:]

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

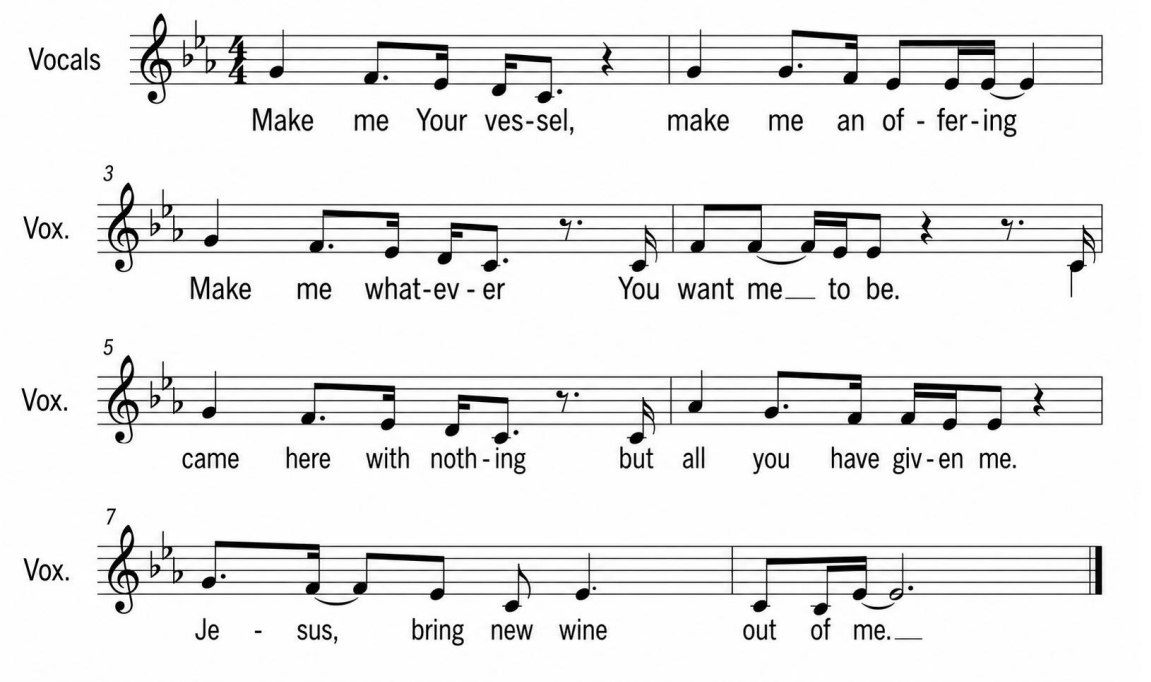
Peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
[The people greet one another with "Peace be with you" and a sign of Christ's peace.]

Musical Offering

King of Kings

Setting the Table*



Offering Prayer*

Let us pray. Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Easter

The Lord is Risen!

Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, you alone are holy … with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness … into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son … with us now.
We thank you, O God.

In the night … we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your spirit … in your church, without end.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer*

Joining our hearts and voices, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Communion

This is the feast of victory for our God!
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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Communion Hymn — Now the Green Blade Rises — Hymn 379

Verse 1
Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Verse 2
In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Verse 3
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Verse 4
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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Table Blessing*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion*

Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, **Amen.**

Sending

Pentecost
Sent Forth by the Holy Spirit

Blessing*

God of every season, whose love knows no end, + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song* Rest on Us

Verse 1 **As the Spirit was moving over the water**
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us come rest on us (Repeat Verse)

Chorus **Come down Spirit when You move**
You make my heart pound
When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me (Repeat Chorus)

Verse 2 **Fire and wind come and do it again**
Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us come rest on us (Repeat Verse)

Chorus **Come down Spirit when You move**
You make my heart pound
When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me (Repeat Chorus)

Bridge **Holy Spirit**
Come rest on us
You're all we want You're all we want
(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

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Dismissal*

Called by Christ,
We invite all people, serve our neighbors, and build a living faith.

Go in peace, empowered by the Spirit!
Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Team

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Instrumental Musicians

Erik Flaten, Piano
Matthew Murphy, Guitar
Michael Hagarman, Bass
Jack Burdwood, Drums

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Welcome to Reformation!

Called by Christ we invite all people, celebrating the diversity of God's creation. Reformation is an affirming congregation for all: rejoicing with the young and old, welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, working to cultivate an accessible and inclusive community for all abilities, and embracing all races, cultures, and faith traditions.

We serve our neighbors following the teachings of Christ. Reformation responds to the needs of the most vulnerable - providing nourishment and comfort, supporting the work of the local and global church, and protecting God's creation for future generations.

We build a living faith emboldened by the Holy Spirit. Reformation embodies the unconditional love of God through worshiping and learning together and valuing the gifts of everyone. To create the fullness of our community of faith, we nurture relationships, pursue racial equity and gender justice, and advocate for the wellbeing of the marginalized.

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