

Prelude	“Jesus, thy Blood and Righteousness”	arr. Paul Bouman
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. H. Neely Gaston, D. D.
Call to Worship	“All Praise to God on High” (excerpt)	Vincent White
*Bible Song 63	“Safety and Strength in God”	Tune: UNKNOWN
*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer	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, forever. Amen.	
Hymn 655	“O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I”	HIDING IN THEE
Psalter Reading	Psalm 31:15-24 (<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> , page 795)	
Apostles’ Creed	I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; and the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	
Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father” <small>[TH 734]</small>	MEINEKE
Children’s Sermon		
Silent Prayer	“Beautiful Savior” (excerpt)	arr. Dale Wood
Prayer		
Offertory	“Offertory”	Kaspar Ett
*Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” <small>[TH 731]</small>	OLD HUNDREDTH
*Prayer		

Scripture	Act 2:22-36 ESV	
	²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know-- ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'" ²⁹ "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.'" ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."	
Sermon	“He Descended”	
Prayer		
*Hymn 250	“Throned upon the Awful Tree” (st. 1-3)	ARFON
*Closing Prayer		
*Benediction		
*Postlude	“Mosso Moderato in C Sharp minor”	Franz Walczynski

Announcements for March 19, 2023

The Session meets today following worship in the Conference Room. Our Women's Ministry will meet Sunday, March 26th.

The PACCC (Progressive Association of Chester County Communities) Spaghetti Supper is being held at the Richburg Fire Department on Thursday March 30th. Tickets are \$10 each and the meal is baked spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. Dine-In or Take-Out. Contact Dee Gordon for tickets or more information.

Richburg Masonic Lodge #89 will have a Low Country Boil & Live Bluegrass Music, Saturday, April 1st at 5 PM at the Watershed Pavilion in Edgemoor. Meal starts at 5 PM and music starts at 5:30 PM. See David McCain for additional information and tickets.

Our Women's Ministry will host a covered dish lunch and baby shower for Susan and Wesley Wilder following worship on Sunday, April 2nd. They are expecting a girl and are registered at [Target.com](https://www.target.com) and [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Just type Susan or Wesley Wilder into the registry search box.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children Easter Sunday following the breakfast.

We need volunteers to sign up to clean the church. Scott Chaney has signed up to cut the grass each month. He welcomes your help to make this job more manageable. Please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Don't forget to take a look at our Flower Calendar posted on the hall bulletin board. Many of you may have flowers in your yard this spring and summer that would make a beautiful arrangement for the church. You can also pick up fresh flowers at the grocery store.

Special Offering:

In Memory of Margaret McWaters by Ginger Sharpe

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23, 2023

6:00-8:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 25, 2023

8:00-3:00 p.m. Concealed Weapons Class

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 19 – Ritchie & Heidi Sharpe

March 20 – Sylvia Jenn

March 31 – Riley Alexander

UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship
Sunday, March 19, 2023



The 4th Sunday in Lent



Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.