

Prelude "Concertato: Trumpet Voluntary" Henry Purcell / arr. Rick Parks

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, D. D.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 16:7-8; 11)

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Bible Songs 307 "God's Goodness" (Psalm 147) PRAISE YE THE LORD

*Invocation

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.

Trinity Hymnal 115 "All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 1, 4, 5) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Psalter Reading Psalm 145 (Trinity Hymnal, pages 838-839)

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.

*universal or world-wide

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" [TH 734] MEINEKE

Children's Sermon

Silent Prayer "Take Up Thy Cross" (excerpt) arr. Jeanette Keyser

Prayer

Offertory "Hymn of Promise" Natalie Sleeth

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" [TH 731] OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer

Scripture Romans 8:16-25

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. 18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Sermon "Future Glory"

Prayer

*Trinity Hymnal 525 "A Child of the King" (v. 1, 3, 4) BINGHAMTON

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude "Fanfare" Adam Mason

Announcements for September 24, 2023

Our Women's Ministry meets today following worship in the Fellowship Hall and again on Sunday, October 1st. We are preparing for Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat as well as Operation Christmas Child.

Deacons have a budget meeting this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our fellowship meal and Bible Study have resumed. Please consider joining us as we study 1 Corinthians. There is a sign-up sheet if you would like to help with a meal.

Once again, we are planning to see a Broadway-style show at NarroWay, The REAL Christmas Story, on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 12 p.m. Each adult will pay \$20 and the church will pay the remaining cost of the ticket. Youth, up to age 18, will pay \$12. If you plan to go, please sign up and pay Nancy Bailey by cash or check by October 29th. No refunds after tickets are purchases.

We are ordering poinsettias from Bruce's Greenhouse in Blythewood to place in the sanctuary for Advent. The cost of each plant is \$12.88. All checks should be made out to Nancy Bailey. Please note Christmas Poinsettia on memo line. Deadline for all orders are November 5th.

Please support our Women's Ministry ongoing project, Operation Christmas Child. You can help by purchasing school supplies, personal items, clothing and accessories, and especially some type of WOW item (miniature cars/trucks, small dolls or stuffed animals, musical instruments, etc.). Please pick up one of the sheets listing suggestions for boys and girls. There is a box under the desk in the hall for your donations. Your monetary donations are also appreciated as we are purchasing some items in bulk. Our Women's Ministry donates \$10 per box to cover shipping costs. Last year we had 45 boxes and this year we would like to have more. Please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child.

Erskine College will host its Second Annual Garnet & Gold Forum, an evening focused on Christian thinking in a secular society, on Friday, Sept. 29, 2023. Dr. Stephen C. Meyer, director of the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture will serve as keynote speaker. The event, which includes a dinner and keynote address, will be held in the Bowie Arts Center on the Erskine College campus. For more information, please contact Beth Boyd at beth.boyd@erskine.edu or by calling 864-379-6502.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday September 27, 2023

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

Thursday, September 28, 2023

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

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For I reckon that the sufferings
of this present time
are not worthy to be compared
with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
Romans 8:18

Order of Worship Sunday, September 24, 2023



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.