

Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Alice Jordan

Welcome and Announcements Mr. Rob Dodson, Deacon

Call to Worship Mr. Mark Capper and Congregation
Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God in the assembly of the faithful.
Let all God's children rejoice in their king.
Rejoice in our God! Give glory to God's holy name.
Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

*Trinity Hymnal 16 "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord" [v. 1-4] DUKE STREET
[Last verse harmonization by Noel Rawsthorne]

*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 727 "Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness"

Psalter Reading Psalm 111 [Trinity Hymnal, page 826]

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, the Savior Said" [excerpt] arr. Jeanette Keyser

Prayer

Offertory "Savior, Thy Dying Love" arr. Mark Hayes

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

*Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom ¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." ²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Sermon "The Worthlessness of Worldly Wisdom"

Prayer

*Trinity Hymnal 625 "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" [v. 1, 3] EVANGEL

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude "C Major Postlude: Maestoso" Giovanni Battista Polleri

Announcements for September 3, 2023

We welcome Mr. Mark Capper as our guest speaker today.

Please consider volunteering to teach the Children's Class. There are open dates in September.

We're making plans for our 9-11 service honoring Chester County First Responders with a BBQ lunch and memorial service on Monday, September 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will cook on Saturday, September 9th. **Please see the sign-up sheet on the desk.**

Strides of Strength will have their annual fundraiser on Saturday, September 23rd from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at The Bins at Gaston Farm, 3445 JS Gaston Rd, Richburg. For more information please visit StridesofStrength.org or call 803-374-6255.

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

Sunday, September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Wednesday September 6, 2023

No choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 7, 2023

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

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Meal prep for 9-11 Lunch (Load grill at 6 a.m. and cut up meat at 4 p.m.)

Sunday, September 10, 2023 (Grandparents Day)

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Diaconate meets following worship

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For Christ Did Not Send Me
To Baptize, But To Preach
The Gospel--not With Words
Of Human Wisdom, Lest The
Cross Of Christ Be Emptied
Of Its Power.

1 Corinthians 1-17

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Order of Worship Sunday, September 3, 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.