

Prelude "Prelude on HYFRYDOL" arr. Richard Blake

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

### Call to Worship

Jesus reminded the disciples

**Love one another as I have loved you.**

Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

**Love one another as I have loved you.**

Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

**Let us love one another as Christ loved us. AMEN.**

\*Bible Songs 309 "The Lord Loves All" Tune: UNKNOWN

### \*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* 607 "Thy Loving-Kindness, Lord, Is Good and Free" ELLERS

Psalter Reading Psalm 136 (*Trinity Hymnal*, page 835)

### 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 "Meditation on MORNING SONG" arr. David Paxton

### Prayer

Offertory "The Gift of Love" arr. Hal H. Hopson

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

### \*Prayer

Scripture Romans 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon "God's Everlasting Love"

### Prayer

\**Trinity Hymnal* 529 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

[Note: We are singing this text to another familiar tune, not the one printed in the hymnal.]

### \*Prayer

### \*Benediction

\*Postlude "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" arr. Dale Wood

### Announcements for October 8, 2023

There will be a joint Session/Diaconate meeting on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting is to finalize the 2024 budget.

Please consider subscribing to the ARP Magazine. See Nancy if you need an order form. Deadline for subscriptions is October 25, 2023.

World Witness Fellowship Dinner Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the Carolina Ballroom at Sonesta Charlotte Executive Park, 5700 Westpark Dr., Charlotte, NC 28217. See details in our newsletter.

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. See details in our newsletter.

Poinsettias for Advent cost \$12.88. All checks should be made out to Nancy Bailey. Please note Christmas Poinsettia on memo line. Deadline for all orders are November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### *Upcoming Events*

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

10:00 a.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Bethel ARP Church, Winnsboro, SC

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal (7:15 p.m.)

**Thursday, October 12, 2023**

6:30-8:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship

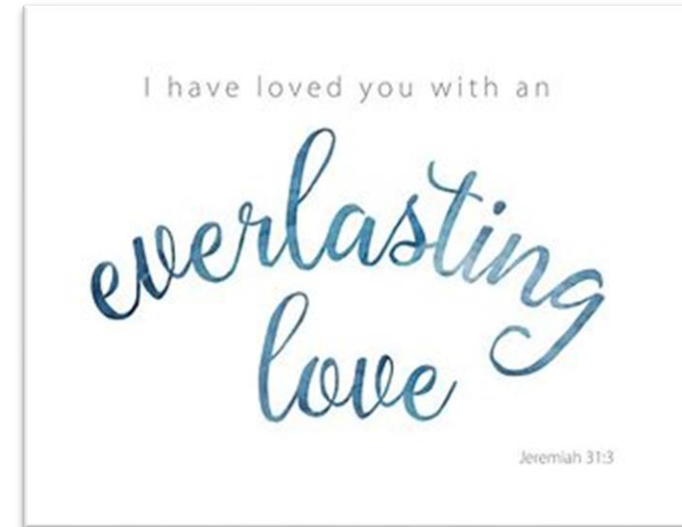
Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

October 9 – Isabel Dodson	October 22 – John & Connie Agee
October 11 – Joe & Idella Howell	October 22 – Nathan & Alissa Smith
October 15 – Madalynne Grace Sharpe	October 25 – Randy & Sandy Jensen
October 20 – Beth Gaston	October 26 – Tammy Shepherd
October 21 – Susan Helms	October 30 – Billy McWaters
	October 31 – Lindsey Burton

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## **Order of Worship Sunday, October 8, 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.