

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Gayden Sikes

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

Call to Worship [Reformation Sunday: A Service of Worship \(crivoice.org\)](https://crivoice.org)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you!

Let us pray together: O God, you are our refuge and our strength

A very present help in times of trouble, therefore we will not fear.

O God, you made an everlasting covenant with us.

Help us to be your people in this world of trial and trouble.

O God, too often we have sinned and have fallen short of your glory.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

O God, we have embraced the freedom you offer us.

We embrace the Son who makes us free.

O God, we honor the bold faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us.

May we each be as bold in our faith this week as we cry "Come, Holy Spirit!", help us to die again and again in Christ so that we might be truly free. Amen.

*Trinity Hymnal, 103 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" GROSSER GOTT, WIRR LOBEN DICH

*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, 448 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" JESUS SAVES

Psalter Reading Psalm 85 (Trinity Hymnal, page 814)

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 "Rise Up, O Men of God" arr. E. L. Lorenz

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

*Prayer

Scripture Romans 10:5-13

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Sermon "The Gift"

Prayer

*Bible Songs, 177 “The Lord’s Salvation” Tune: UNKNOWN

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude “Prelude in G Minor” J. S. Bach

Announcements for October 29, 2023

The flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of Rev. Neely Gaston and his wife, Lyn. Thank you for your dedication, leadership, love, patience, and care.

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship to approve the 2024 budget.

Our Christmas Child Packing Party Potluck will be on Saturday, November 4th at 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Our All-Saints’ Remembrance Service will be held during worship on Sunday, November 5th. A candle will be lit for each of those who died in the past year. Also, as part of our service, members present will be given the opportunity to stand and name loved ones or members of the greater community to be remembered. Once all have been named, a single candle will be lit for them. To help the service flow, please come prepared with names written down. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet if you’re willing to provide a dessert.

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 5th.

We will have 5 fresh farm wreaths from Strides of Strength Therapeutic Riding in Chester. If you are willing to purchase one for the church, please complete the yellow form and payment to Nancy Bailey. The cost of each wreath is \$40. Please note Wreath on the memo line.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 30 – Billy McWaters
October 31 – Lindsey Burton
November 2 – Andy Bennett
November 4 – Bill Gladden
November 5 – Daniel Dodson

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Order of Worship Sunday, October 29, 2023 Reformation Sunday



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.