

Prelude “ To God All Praise and Glory” (*Mit Freuden Zart*) arr. Roger C. Wilson

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

Call to Worship (from Psalm 95:1-3, 6 ESV)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**Trinity Hymnal*, 174 “O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord” OMBERSLEY

*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, 662 “As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams” AS THE HART LONGS

Psalter Reading Psalm 42 (*Trinity Hymnal*, page 800)

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 “Eye Hath Not Seen” (from *The Holy City*) Alfred Gaul / arr. Stewart Landon

Prayer

Offertory “Simple Gifts” arr. Gregg Sewell

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

*Prayer

Scripture Romans 11:11-24

¹¹Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. ¹²But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! ¹³I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, ¹⁸do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” ²⁰Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. ²²Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. ²³And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

Sermon “Hope for the World”

Prayer

**Trinity Hymnal*, 523 “My Hope Is in the Lord” (v. 1, 4) WAKEFIELD

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude “Praise Him with Trumpets” Patricia Lou Harris

Announcements for November 26, 2023

Today is Christ the King Sunday. This marks the end of ordinary time following Pentecost leading us into the season of Advent, which begins next week.

We are decorating the church for Christmas after worship today. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch. In addition to indoor decorations, we also plan to set up the outside tree lights in front of the church.

Volunteers for the Advent wreath candle lighting should meet with Paul Broome today following worship in the choir room.

If you have ordered pecans from the York County Choral Society OR if you want to order some, please **bring cash (\$14.00 / pound of halves or pieces) or a check made simply to YCCS for the amount you are buying.** I will have the pecans for you on Sunday, December 3. I cannot take orders after Sunday, November 26. Thank you to those who have already ordered. YCCS appreciates your support of great choral music in our area.

Twice each year the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. The Fall Offering is for the benefit of: Christian Benevolent Fund, Erskine College, and Erskine Seminary. The Christmas Benevolent Fund make it possible to minister to those who have served in the past as minister, missionary, or General Synod employee. One hundred percent of your gift is passed on to these men and women who have faithfully served our denomination. We urge you to give generously to these special causes and beyond your tithe to the church. If you would like to give online, go to <https://abundant.co/generalsynodarpchurc/thanks>.

Our Christmas Dinner will be Friday, December 8th at 6:30. Please plan to join us. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway so we can get a count for the meal.

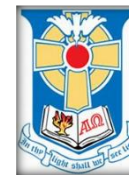
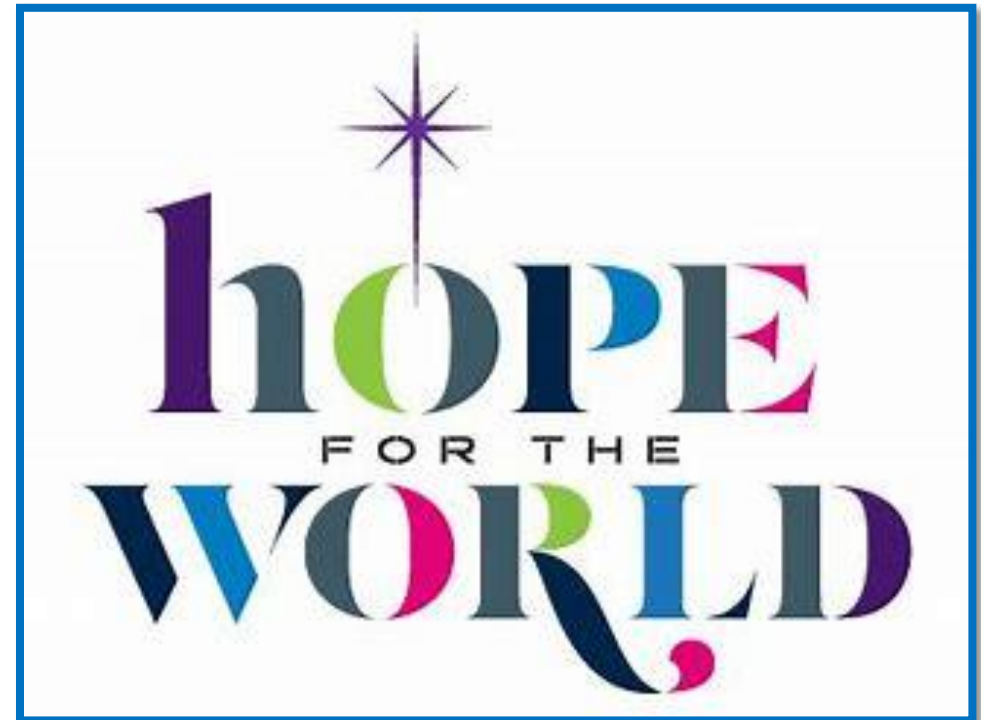
We plan to have a float in the Richburg Christmas Parade Saturday, December 9th at 11:00. If you are interested on riding on our float, there is a sign-up sheet.

Caroling Sunday, December 10th. Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. David McCain is contacting the families we will visit.

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Order of Worship
Sunday, November 26, 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.