

Choral Prelude "Once in Royal David's City"
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" IRBY
ADESTE FIDELES

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

Lighting the Advent Candle: Peace The Rishebarger Family

**Trinity Hymnal*, 203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

*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, 200 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

Psalter Reading Psalm 122 (*Trinity Hymnal*, page 831)

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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (excerpt) arr. Edward Broughton

Prayer

Offertory "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

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

*Prayer

Scripture Romans 12:1-2

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Sermon "A Living Sacrifice"

Prayer

**Trinity Hymnal*, 220 "From Heaven High I Come to You" (v. 1, 3, 5) VOM HIMMEL HOCH

*Prayer

*Benediction

Please be seated for the postlude.

Postlude "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

Announcements for December 10, 2023

We are grateful today for Katie Rishebarger Burch, Avianna Rishebarger Sohner, and Scott Rishebarger for presenting the prelude, offertory, and postlude as part of today's worship.

Deacons meet following worship today in the Fellowship Hall.

Caroling this afternoon. Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. David McCain is contacting the families we will visit.

The Session and our Women's Ministry meets next Sunday.

Please consider signing up to teach the children's Sunday School Class from 10:00-10:45. Materials are provided. If you could sign up once or twice a quarter, that would help. There is a new sign-up sheet on the hall desk.

Special Offering:

In Memory of the Hicklin Family by Roxanne Hicklin (Scholarship Fund)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17, 2023 (Third Sunday of Advent)

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Session and Women's Ministry meets following worship

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship Service

Monday, December 25, 2023 Christmas Day

Saturday, December 30, 2023

11:45 a.m. – NarroWay *The REAL Christmas Story*

Sunday, December 31, 2023 New Year's Eve

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. – Worship

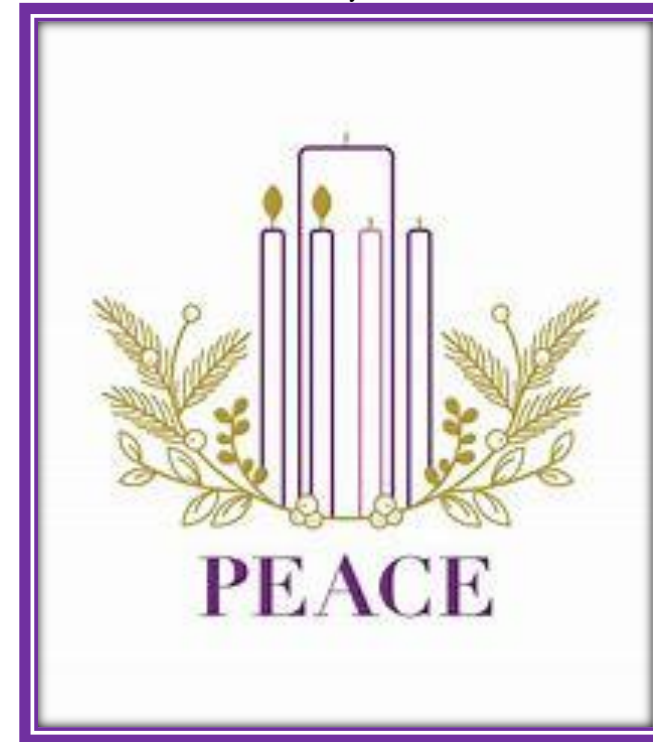
Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 12 – John Agee	December 21 – Courtney Shepherd
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December 15 – Katherine Dodson	December 29 – Josh Burch
December 18 – Ginger Sharpe	December 29 – Rob & Katherine Dodson
December 18 – Kyla Standfield	December 30 – Stephanie Broom

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Order of Worship
Sunday, December 10, 2023
The Second Sunday of Advent: Peace



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.