

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Edward Broughton  
"The First Noel, the Angels Did Say" THE FIRST NOWELL

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

Lighting the Advent Candle: Love Ginger Sharpe

\*Trinity Hymnal, 214 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

\*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, 216 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W ZLOBIE LEZY

Psalter Reading Psalm 86 (Trinity Hymnal, page 814-815)

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 "To a Virgin Meek and Mild" arr. Michael Larkin

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

\*Prayer

Scripture Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup>Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon "Overcome Evil with Good"

Prayer

\*Trinity Hymnal, 222 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (v 1, 3, 6) WINCHESTER OLD

\*Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Sussex Carol" arr. David Paxton

### Announcements for December 24, 2023

In addition to our worship service this morning, we will have our annual Christmas Eve service this evening at 5:00 pm. The service will feature music, scripture, communion, and candlelight. Following worship, all are invited into the fellowship hall for Cookies and Cocoa. Invite family and friends to attend this special time of worship.

Our trip to NarroWay to see *The REAL Christmas Story* is Saturday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. Those going should plan to arrive there at 11:15 AM. Directions are printed on your ticket. Parking is free and attendants are onsite to assist. Let Nancy know if you have any questions.

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> we will have a potluck lunch after church before we remove our Christmas decorations.

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.

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **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

#### **Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

No Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, or Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, January 4, 2024**

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

#### **Sunday, January 7, 2024**

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Potluck lunch/Remove decorations

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

December 29 – Josh Burch

December 29 – Rob & Katherine Dodson

December 30 – Stephanie Broom

# UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship  
Sunday, December 24, 2023  
Christmas Eve  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love



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.