

Prelude "Praise Him with Trumpets" Richard Blake

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

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In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.

Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.

Come, bring your needs and wants to God, for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. AMEN.

**Trinity Hymnal*, #53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

*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, #468 "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" (v. 1, 4) LANDAS

Psalter Reading Psalm 41 (*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 "Wonderful Words of Life" [TH, #697] arr. Anne A. Davis

Prayer

Offertory "Aria for Flute" Franklin Ritter

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

*Prayer

Scripture Mark 2:1-12 ESV

¹ And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?" ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Sermon "Through the Roof"

Prayer

**Bible Songs*, #86 "The Helper of the Poor" Tune: Unknown

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude "Trumpet Tune" John Stanley

Announcements for February 18, 2024

On February 10th, twelve of our members participated in CPR/AED training led by Firefighter/EMT Jason Bernstein with assistance from Firefighter Brice Whitesides. We thank Chief T Melton, Firefighter/EMT Jason Bernstein, and Firefighter Brice Whitesides for providing this important training. Our AED is located in the hallway beside the original men's bathroom.

The Session meets in the conference room following worship and our Women's Ministry meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Benefit for Eliza Wilson Saturday, February 24th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Richburg Fire Department. BBQ chicken dinner plates are \$10 each (pickup or dine in). An AR-15 raffle will be held on the day of the event; tickets are \$1 each. David McCain has tickets for the dinner.

Our Missions Festival will be March 15-17. This year's theme is: God's Missionary Heart for the Nations. Union hosts Saturday night. The two speakers will be Michael Cochron, Missionary to England, and Alex Pettett, Executive Director of World Witness. More information is coming soon.

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, February 18, 2024 (First Sunday in Lent)

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m.- Worship

Session and our Women's Ministry meet following worship

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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

Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

February Birthdays

February 20 – Joey Howell

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Order of Worship
Sunday, February 18, 2024
The First Sunday in Lent



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.