

Prelude "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" (TH 468) arr. Gayden Sikes

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

#### Call to Worship

Comfort us now, most Holy God. Speak tenderly to us and hear our cry.

**For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.**

Lord, we come to you broken and repentant.

**O God, heal our brokenness and forgive us our sins.**

Lift us, O Lord, from the depths of despair. We repent, and ask that our sins be forgiven.

**Almighty God, forgive us for our sins.**

We have come to worship our merciful and forgiving God.

\*Trinity Hymnal, #197 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" THIRSTING

\*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.

Bible Songs, #299 "A Morning Supplication" MORNING LIGHTS

Psalter Reading Psalm 143 (Trinity Hymnal, page 837-838)

#### 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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (TH 528) arr. Charlton D. Bozard

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

\*Prayer

Scripture Mark 1:1-14 ESV

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,

Sermon "Repent and Believe"

Prayer

\*Trinity Hymnal, #486 "God Be Merciful to Me" (v. 1, 2, 5) REDHEAD 76

\*Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Prelude in F Major" (BMV 556) Johann Sebastian Bach

#### Announcements for February 4, 2024

Deacons meet Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Session and our Women's Ministry meets Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

We have recently purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) with grant funds. We are planning to have CPR/AED training. Date and time to be determined. If you are interested, please see sign-up sheet.

Benefit for Eliza Wilson Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please check the bulletin board for opportunities to volunteer.

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*

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

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

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m.- Worship

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

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

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**

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

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m.- Worship

Diaconate meets following worship

3:00-5:00 p.m. – Girl Scout Leaders (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, February 12, 2024**

10:00 a.m. – Leadership Planning Meeting (Conference Room)

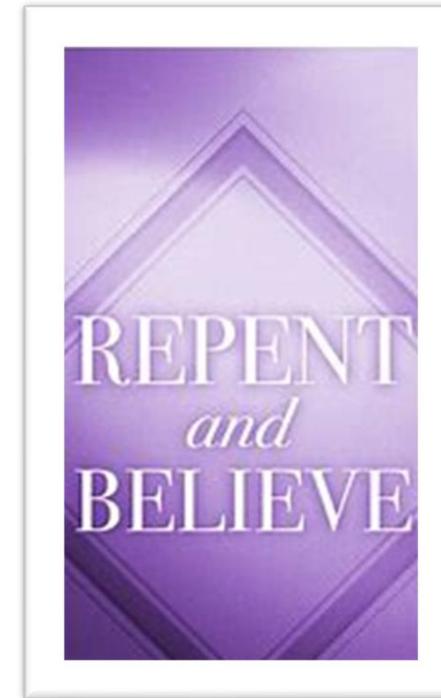
### **February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

February 3 – Joe Simpson	February 13 – Mark Bennett
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February 4 – Ginny McCallister	February 13 – Jane McCain
February 6 – Joe Howell	February 14 – Carolyn Locke
February 7 – Tonnyia Knox	February 20 – Joey Howell

# UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship  
Sunday, February 4, 2024



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.