

Prelude Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” J. S. Bach / arr. Benton Price
(Chorale Prelude on WACHET AUF RUFT UNS DIE STIMME)

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

Lighting the Candle of Peace David and Jane McCain
[Prayer] **“Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.”**

*Trinity Hymnal, 197 “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People” (v. 1, 3, 4) 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.

Trinity Hymnal, 200 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

Psalter Reading Psalm 4 (Trinity Hymnal, page 786)

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 “Away in a Manger” arr. Edwin Childs

Prayer

Offertory “O Little Town of Bethlehem” arr. Edwin Childs

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

*Prayer

Scripture Matthew 1:18 ESV
¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Sermon “The Birthright”

Prayer

*Trinity Hymnal, 178 “There Is No Name So Sweet on Earth” (v. 1, 4, 5) THE SWEETEST NAME

*Prayer

*Benediction

Congregational Meeting

*Postlude “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” arr. Paul Manz
(HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG)

Announcements for Sunday, December 8, 2024

Deacons meet today following worship

Our Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. Our meal will be provided by the church at no charge.

We are planning to have a float in the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 14th at 11:00. If you are interested in riding our float, please let Katherine Dodson know. Participants should arrive at our float location at 10:00. It was lots of fun last year!

Caroling Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Please meet at the church.

Every family should pick up a copy of *Everyday Gospel Christmas Devotional*. Thanks to Rev. Neely Gaston for providing them.

We will continue our Advent Food Drive. Next Sunday remember the letter J is for Joy. So, as you shop look for juice, jelly, jerky, jambalaya rice, etc. All non-perishable foods accepted! There is a container in the vestibule and in the hallway for your donations.

Special Offering (Union Cemetery):

In Memory of John Reid by Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Brown and Kate Emling

In Memory of Joe Simpson by Henry McMaster

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 11

6:15 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 13

6:30 p.m. – Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 14

11:00 a.m.-- Richburg Christmas Parade

11:30-1:00 p.m. – Drop-In for Mrs. Mozell Robinson (12:30 p.m. portrait dedication) at Lewisville Community Library

Sunday, December 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. – Worship

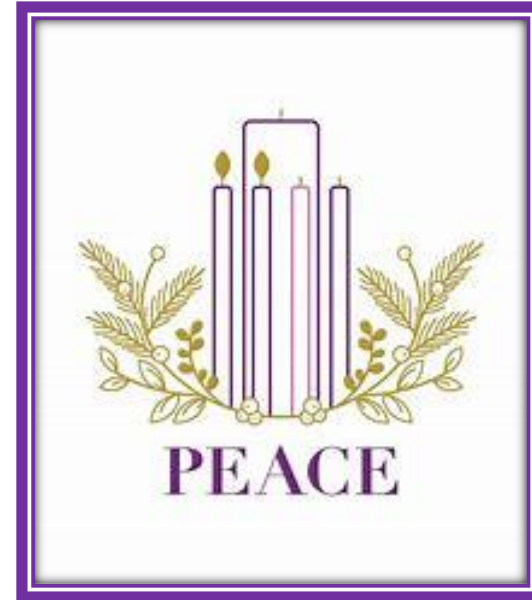
Session/Women’s Ministry meets

Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 1 – James Bennett	December 21 – Tom Morgan
December 9 –Scott & Melissa Chaney	December 29 – Josh Burch
December 12 – John Agee	December 29 – Rob & Katherine Dodson
December 12 – Ellen Reid	December 30 – Stephanie Broom
December 15 – Katherine Dodson	
December 18 – Ginger Sharpe	
December 18 – Kyla Standfield	

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The Second Sunday of Advent
Order of Worship
Sunday, December 8, 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.