

Prelude “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” (DUKE STREET) arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD

Call to Worship  
Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.  
**We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.**  
Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.  
**We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.**  
Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity.

Moment of Silence

\*Trinity Hymnal, 710 “God of Our Fathers” NATIONAL HYMN

\*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, 713 “Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer” (v. 1, 3, 4, 6) ST. ANNE

Psalter Reading Psalm 46 (Trinity Hymnal, pages 802-803)

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.

Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father” [TH 734] MEINEKE

Children’s Sermon

Silent Prayer “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” (TH 728) (All sing once.) WHELPTON  
“Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.”

Prayer

Offertory “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Ron Loree

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

\*Prayer

Scripture Mark 6:45-56 ESV  
<sup>45</sup> Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup> And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup> And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup> but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup> for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup> **And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded,** <sup>52</sup> **for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.** <sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup> And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup> and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Sermon “The Hardened”

Prayer

\*Bible Songs, 222 “Harden not Your Heart” (Psalms 103, 95) UNKNOWN

\*Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Postlude “Allegro Vivace” from Water Music Suite G. F. Handel / arr. Lani Smith

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of all those who gave their lives for freedom’s sake by Paul Broome.

**Announcements May 25, 2025**

PACCC Spaghetti Fundraiser June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at Richburg Fire Department. See Dee Gordon for tickets.

Strides of Strength Brick Fundraiser – Become a permanent part of our sensory garden while honoring loved ones past and present by purchasing a brick. Bricks will be used to line the path through the sensory garden! See Beth Gaston.

Our Women’s Ministry will sell BBQ and hot dog plates at the Car Show June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 – 2 p.m. Proceeds will support Reach the Children of Rwanda International (RCRI), Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child, and other ministry projects.

Please plan to join us for a pot luck lunch and ice cream social following worship on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favorite dish or ice cream. Please see sign-up sheet in the hall.

Make plans to attend the annual McCain 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade beginning at 3:00 p.m. Line-up begins at 2:00 p.m. at 1254 Silverbrook Road.

Special Offerings:  
In Memory of Della McCorkle by Libby A. Gaston  
In Memory of Sara Stewart by Allen Derrick

*Upcoming Events*

**Wednesday, May 28**  
6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 29**  
6-8 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

May 25 – Reid Carrico	May 26 – Pete & Mary Beth Burton
May 26 – Rob Dodson	May 27 – Mark & Debbie Bennett

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Order of Worship  
Sunday, May 25, 2025



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.