

Prelude “Prelude on REPTON” C. H. H. Parry / arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 30
Let us worship God, who has drawn us and healed us.
Let us worship God who has restored us to life.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name.
God’s anger is but for a moment; God’s favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
You have turned our mourning into dancing; you have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy, so that our souls may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, we will give thanks to you forever.
Let us worship God.

*Trinity Hymnal, 95 “Though Troubles Assail Us” ST. DENIO

*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, 622 “I Waited for the Lord Most High” (v. 1-4) DUNSTAN

Psalter Reading Psalm 40:1-11 (Trinity Hymnal, page 799)

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 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” (Refrain only) LEMMEL
Please turn to Trinity Hymnal, 481. All will sing the refrain once.

Prayer

Offertory “Offertory on a Kentucky Hymn Tune” arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

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

*Prayer

Scripture Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 ESV
¹ Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; ²before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, ⁴and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— ⁵they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— ⁶before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

Sermon “The Days of Your Youth”

Prayer

*Bible Songs, 72 “Precepts for Childhood” Tune: Unknown

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude “Recessional on WESTMINSTER ABBEY” arr. Widmar

Announcements September 21, 2025

The Session meets in the Conference Room, Deacons meet in the Adult Classroom, and our Women’s Ministry meets in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

I If you or a family member is interested in taking a CPR Class at the Richburg Fire Department, please see sign-up sheet in the hall.

See sign-up sheet for our fellowship meal Wednesday night if you would like to provide a meal one week.

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, September 28th to elect church officers for 2026 and to vote on nominees for Elder and Deacon.

Special Offerings:
In Memory of Ellen Reid by Garner & Jane Agee (Old Union Cemetery)

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday September 24**
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 25**
6-8 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, September 28**
10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. – Worship
Congregational Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 21 – Kent Dodson	September 28 – Pete Burton
September 23 – Jane Agee	September 29 – Robin Dodson
September 24 – T. Melton	September 29 – Sarah Gaston
September 24 – Tom & Martha Morgan	September 30 – Bud Lyle
September 25 – JR Gordon	September 30 – Joe Gordon
September 27 – Matthew Sohner	

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Order of Worship
Sunday, September 21, 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.