

Prelude “How Firm a Foundation” arr. Steven Scott

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD

Call to Worship Psalm 118:24 ESV  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
*let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

\*Trinity Hymnal, 343 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

\*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, 619 “A Shelter in the Time of Storm” (v. 1, 4) SHELTER

Psalter Reading Psalm 118:19-26 ESV  
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.  
*This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.*  
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*  
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

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 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” (Refrain only) LEMMEL  
Please turn to *Trinity Hymnal*, 481. The choir will sing once, then all will sing.

Prayer

Offertory “Built on the Rock” arr. Anne A. Davis

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

\*Prayer

Scripture Mark 12:1-12 ESV  
<sup>1</sup> And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. <sup>2</sup> When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup> And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. <sup>6</sup> He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>7</sup> But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>8</sup> And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup> What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> **Have you not read this Scripture: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>11</sup> this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”** <sup>12</sup> And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

Sermon “The Tenants”

Prayer

\*Trinity Hymnal, 355 “We Are God’s People” (v. 1, 3) SYMPHONY

\*Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Postlude “Christ Is the Cornerstone” Edward Broughton

**Announcements September 7, 2025**

We are preparing for our annual 9/11 event honoring first responders and remembering those who lost their lives in the deadliest terrorist attack in our history. We will need volunteers Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to help prepare the meal and Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> to serve the meal. Please see sign-up sheet on hallway desk. If you have any questions, see Nancy Bailey.

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.

Bible Study resumes September 17<sup>th</sup> with the church providing the meal. See sign-up sheet if you would like to provide a meal one week.

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, September 8**

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

**Tuesday, Sept 9**

8:00 – 3:00 p.m. – FREE SLED Concealed Permit Class

**Wednesday, September 10 (Meal Prep – See Sign-Up Sheet)**

No meal, Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, September 11 9-11 Service**

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch for First Responders

12:30 p.m. – Memorial Service

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

**Friday, September 12**

9:00 a.m. – Snipes Cleaning

**Saturday, September 13**

10:00 a.m. – Deacon Workday

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

September 10 – Nathan Smith	September 21 – Kent Dodson
September 10 – Davy & Stephanie Broom	September 23 – Jane Agee
September 12 – Ginny Laird Belk	September 24 – T. Melton
September 12 – Garner Agee	September 24 – Tom & Martha Morgan
September 13 – Jimmy Gaston	September 25 – JR Gordon
September 14 – Katie Burch	September 27 – Matthew Sohner
September 15 – Dia Dodson Branham	September 28 – Pete Burton
September 16 – Lauren Sharpe	September 29 – Robin Dodson
September 16 – Idella Howell	September 29 – Sarah Gaston
September 19 – Brad Bennett	September 30 – Bud Lyle
September 19 – Ann Adams	September 30 – Joe Gordon

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Order of Worship  
Sunday, September 7, 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.