

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

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## Call to Worship

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

**We have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.**

The light shines in the darkness,

**And the darkness has not overcome it.**

Even after the manger, the miracle continues.

**Christ is still with us—Emmanuel, God with us!**

Come, let us worship the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**With hearts full of joy, we lift our praise to the newborn King!**

\**Trinity Hymnal*, 203    "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

## \*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*, 216    "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

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**Psalter Reading**    Psalm 148 (*Trinity Hymnal*, page 840 )

## 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" <sup>[TH 734]</sup>

MEINEKE

## Children's Sermon

**Prayer Song**    "Away in a Manger" (v. 3) <sup>[All sing once.]</sup>

*Be near me, Lord, Jesus, I ask thee to stay, Close by me forever, and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

CRADLE SONG

## Silent Prayer

## Prayer

## Offertory

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

arr. Marie Pooler

## \*Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" <sup>[TH 731]</sup>

OLD HUNDREDTH

## \*Prayer

## Scripture

Luke 2:21 – 32 ESV

<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

## Sermon

"The Lord's Christ"

## Prayer

## \**Trinity Hymnal*, 213

"What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES

## \*Prayer

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

## Announcements December 28, 2025

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Janet Morris as our musician today.

Please take your poinsettias home after worship today. Please let Nancy know so she can check you off of the list.

Pew cushions will be replaced. Please check out two samples on the pew at the hall door.

Union Mail Station is set up in the hallway under the bulletin board. Check your mail often, especially around the holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries.

Upper Rooms, devotional guides, are available in the vestibule and on the hall desk. Each day includes a Bible reading, a short devotional thought from a contributing writer, and a short prayer. Please feel free to pick one up to share with a friend.

Please submit information for the January Newsletter to Nancy by Monday December, 29<sup>th</sup>.

We will have a potluck lunch and remove Christmas Decorations Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Our fellowship meal and Bible Study resumes January 7<sup>th</sup> with guests Jeff & Suzanne Allers. Choir rehearsal resumes January 14<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us.

### Upcoming Events

#### December Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 29 – Josh Burch	December 29 – Jaxston Ferguson
December 29 – Rob & Katherine Dodson	December 30 – Stephanie Broom

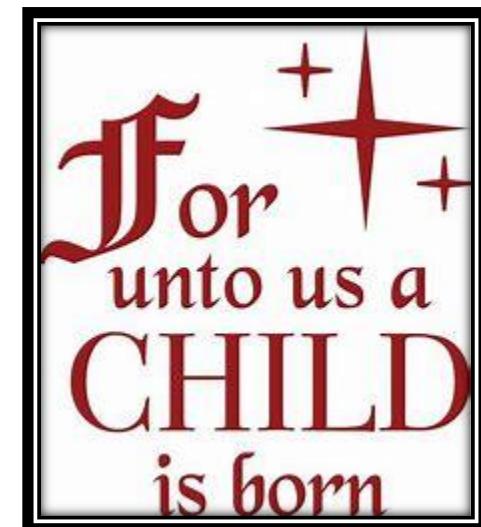
December 31 – Tony & Janet Bradley
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#### January Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 2 – Barry & Robin Dodson	January 28 – Avianna Sohner
January 4 – Gene & Nancy Bailey	January 30 – Byron Agee
January 16 – Natalie Dodson	January 31 – Libby Gaston (Jimmy)
January 24 – Hattie Faye Smith	

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### Order of Worship Sunday, December 28, 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.