

Prelude “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. Edwin Childs

Welcome and Announcements Reverend H. Neely Gaston, DD

January Birthdays “Happy Birthday to You” (sing “Dear Friends”) Patty and Mildred Hill

Call to Worship
A new year dawns, bright with promise and possibility.
We come, ready to walk in God’s light.
Yesterday’s burdens are behind us; God’s mercies are new every morning.
We step forward in faith, trusting God’s unfailing love.
The One who was, and is, and is to come calls us to follow.
We will worship with joy, serve with hope, and live in grace.
Come, beloved of God, the year ahead is in His hands.
We rejoice, for God makes all things new!

*Hymn (insert) “Another Year Is Dawning” (public domain) AURELIA

*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, 218 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory (v. 1, 2, 5) REGENT SQUARE

Psalter Reading Psalm 8 (Trinity Hymnal, page 786-787)

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

Prayer
Song “Search Me, O God” (all sing once) UNKNOWN
“Search me, O God, my heart discern; Try me, my very heart to learn
See if in evil paths I stray, and guide me in th’eternal way
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Offertory “Once in Royal David’s City” arr. Childs

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

*Prayer

Scripture Galatians 1:1-9 ESV
¹ Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—²and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

Sermon “Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing”

Prayer

Trinity Hymnal, 708 “O Love That Wilt not Let Me Go” (v. 1) ST. MARGARET

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Trinity Hymnal, 241

“Thou Dost Reign on High” (v. 1)

MARGARET

Benediction

*Postlude

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arr. Edward Broughton

Announcements January 4, 2025

There is a called meeting of the Session following worship today.

We will have a potluck lunch and remove Christmas Decorations following worship today.

The Diaconate meets next Sunday.

Our Leadership Committee meets January 12th at 10 AM in the Conference Room.

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.

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

Special Offering:
In Honor of Brandon & Erin Kelley and family by David & Jane McCain

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

With

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Sunday, January 4, 2026

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.