

Prelude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Ludwig van Beethoven / arr. Larry Wolz
(adapted from the choral finale of the Ninth Symphony)

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD

Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into Your people.

Fill us with Your fire, Your power, and Your presence.

Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to receive Your truth.

Make us bold witnesses of Your love in the world.

Spirit of God, fall afresh on us today.

Come, Holy Spirit—renew, revive, and empower Your church.

***Trinity Hymnal, 331** “Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit” LUX PRIMA

*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, 335 “Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me” REDHEAD 76

Psalter Reading Psalm 103 (*Trinity Hymnal*, pages 821-822)

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
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen

Children’s Sermon

Prayer

Preparation (all sing once)

“Spirit of the Living God” (*Trinity Hymnal*, 726)

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“Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.”

Silence

Prayer

Offertory

“Praise to the Spirit”

Henry Purcell / arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” [TH 731]

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer

Scripture

Hebrews 3:7-19 ESV

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, ⁹ where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. ¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, “They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.” ¹¹ As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.” ¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Sermon

“Assurance”

Prayer

*Bible Songs, 222

“Harden Not Your Heart”

Tune: Unknown

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Air”

Charles Gounod / arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Announcements

Children's Social at Richburg Park this afternoon from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Joe Gordon will do a Concealed Weapons Class for church members on May 30th beginning at 8:00 a.m. and will go to the range at 2:00 p.m. See sign-up sheet in vestibule and on the hall desk.

We are planning to have VBS here on Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served both days. Attendees are invited to join us for worship Sunday, June 7th. We will have lunch following worship. There is a sign-up sheet for children and volunteers on the hall table.

Please pick up an updated copy of our green Church Directory (in vestibule and on hall desk).

Master Car Show Saturday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Union. Come check out some classic cars and enjoy some food our Women's Ministry will be selling to support Operation Christmas Child and the children we send to school in Rwanda.

On Sunday, June 29th, SC 250 Committee will kick-off a countywide celebration of our 250th birthday from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at Union. There will be a presentation by Rev. Neely Gaston in the Sanctuary. Will highlight Burnt Meeting House Patriots and Revolutionary soldiers buried at Union. There will be shuttles to various sites. Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Special Offerings:

In Memory of Steve Sloan by Garner and Jane Agee, David & Jane McCain, Margaret Harling

Anytime you use the church facility, please remember to turn off all lights and to make sure all doors are locked. Thanks for your help.

Please remember to check your mail box here at church on a regular basis.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| May 24 – Ann Simpson | May 26 – Pete & Mary Beth Burton |
| May 25 – Reid Carrico | May 27 – Marley Blair |
| May 26 – Rob Dodson | May 27 – Mark & Debbie Bennett |

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Order of Worship
Sunday, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday



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.