

Prelude

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” (TH 468)

arr. Gayden Sikes

Welcome and Announcements

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Call to Worship

By faith our ancestors stepped into God’s promises, trusting what they could not yet see.
We walk in that same faith, confident in the God who calls and keeps us.
By faith they journeyed, obeyed, waited, and hoped—believing God’s word above all else. **We lift our hearts in worship, trusting the Lord who guides our steps.**
By faith they embraced the future God prepared
We worship with steadfast faith, knowing God is faithful from generation to generation.

*Trinity Hymnal, 34

“The God of Abraham Praise” (st. 1, 2, 6)

LEONI

*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, 468

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LANDAS

Psalter Reading

Psalm 27 (Trinity Hymnal, pages 793-794)

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

Silent Prayer

Prayer

“Kyrie” (choir only)

ORTHODOX KYRIE

Offertory

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (TH 528)

arr. Marie Poole

*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 11:1 – 22 ESV

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

Sermon

“By Faith”

Prayer

*Bible Songs, 93

“Boasting in God”

UNKNOWN

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Postlude Solenne” (Tune – HANOVER)

Georg F. Handel

Announcements September 13, 2026

A huge thank you goes out to all the wonderful volunteers who helped cook, prepare, and serve the special meal for our First Responders in Chester County on September 11th. Your hard work, warm smiles, and kitchen skills brought so much joy to our community heroes and showed them just how much our church family cares.

The 2026 General Synod of the ARP Church set the week of September 13, 2026, as a season of prayer and fasting for the purpose that the Lord of the Harvest would raise up laborers that we so desperately desire. Pray for: Laborers to be raised up; Vocations to be clarified: The church to be strengthened; The Next generation: The Lord's harvest. Please pray individually with your family, Session, congregation, Presbytery and fast as the Lord leads you.

The Diaconate meets today. The Session and our Women's Ministry meet September 20th.

Bible Study Resumes Wednesday, September 16th. We will have Janet Lawson, Volunteer Community Relations Coordinator—Operation Christmas Child, as a guest speaker. She has ideas to share to motivate the congregation.

Beginning Wednesday, September 16,2026, following our meal, children of the church will be starting a music time. Mary Beth Burton will be leading the group. They will rehearse with her starting at about 6:10 while the adults attend Bible study. Children whose parents are not attending Bible study may also participate. They will need to arrive by 6:10 and be picked up at 6:30.

The Deacons will be working on the budget for 2027 in October. If you have any requests, please turn them in to Nancy Bailey by September 30th.

Special Offering:
In Honor of T Melton's birthday by Lucy Melton
In Memory of Martha Wylie Fudge Clawson by David & Jane McCain (Union Cemetery)

Upcoming Events

- Monday, September 14**
10:00 a.m. – Leadership Planning Meeting (Conference Room)
- Tuesday, September 15**
9:00 a.m. – Snipes Cleaning
- Wednesday, September 16**
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 17**
6-8 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Please remember to check your mail box here at church on a regular basis. This will help us keep expenses down.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries	
September 13 – Jimmy Gaston	September 24 – T. Melton
September 14 – Katie Burch	September 24 – Tom & Martha Morgan
September 15 – Dia Dodson Boyette	September 25 – JR Gordon
September 16 – Lauren Sharpe	September 27 – Matthew Sohner
September 16 – Idella Howell	September 28 – Pete Burton
September 19 – Ann Adams	September 29 – Robin Dodson
September 19 – Brad Bennett	September 29 – Sarah Gaston
September 21 – Kent Dodson	September 30 – Bud Lyle
September 22 – Hannah Shepherd	September 30 – Joe Gordon
September 23 – Jane Agee	

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Order of Worship for the Lord's Day Sunday September 13, 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.

