

Prelude “Draw Us to Thee” Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD

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

Call to Worship
In this holy moment, we are aware of God’s nearness.
We open our hearts, for the Lord is truly among us.
God’s presence brings light, peace, and strength.
We gather in reverence, ready to worship the living God.

***Trinity Hymnal, 119** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” FOREST GREEN

***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, 308 “Jesus Paid It All” ALL TO CHRIST

Psalter Reading Psalm 16 (**Trinity Hymnal**, page 788)

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 “Lord, Have Mercy” (Choir Only) KYRIE (Greek Orthodox)
Silent Prayer
Prayer

Offertory “Reverie on I AM THINE” (text at TH 533) arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

***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 10:19 -39 ESV
¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. ²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. ³² But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵ Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷ For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; ³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” ³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Sermon “In the Presence of God”

Prayer

***Trinity Hymnal, 693** “Blessed Assurance” ASSURANCE

***Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Fughetta on OLD HUNDREDTH” Johann Christoph Bach

Announcements September 6, 2026
Barry and Robin Dodson and Family announce the marriage of their daughter, Lydia Rebekah “Dia” to Mr. Jacob “Jake” Boyette from Menomonie, WI. Dia and Jake will leave for Germany on October 1, 2026, and she and Jake will be stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany for approximately three years. We wish them much happiness and success as they begin their voyage into marriage. Their mailing address is: Boyette, Jake, PSC 405 Box 5139, APO, AE 09034. Please pray for them as they transition to a new country and a new life together

We will have our BBQ lunch for First Responders in Chester County on Friday, September 11th from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. There will be a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in the Sanctuary at 12:30 PM. We will be cooking on Thursday, September 10th. We will need volunteers both days. If you are only able to help for an hour or two, that would be great. See sign-up sheet in the hall.

Please attend the 9/11 Memorial and First Responders Appreciation Service Friday September 11, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. The meal will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Please invite your friends and family to attend. There is no cost for the meal.

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.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, September 7 Labor Day
- Wednesday, September 9
 - 5:30 p.m. – Choir rehearsal
- Thursday, September 11
 - 5:00 a.m. – Load Grill
 - 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Cut up meat
 - 5:00 Clean Grill
 - No Girl Scouts
- Friday, September 11 (Annual 9-11 Service)
 - 9:30 a.m. – Prep work for meal
 - 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 Meal for First Responders
 - 12:30 p.m. – Service of Remembrance
- Saturday, September 12
 - 8:00-3:00 p.m. FREE SLED Concealed Weapons Class
- Sunday, September 13
 - 10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study
 - 11:00 a.m.- Worship
 - Diaconate meets
- Monday, September 14
 - 10:00 a.m. – Leadership Planning Meeting (Conference Room)

Please remember to check your mail box here at church on a regular basis. Stamps are now \$.82, so this will help us keep expenses down.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 1 – Ritchie Sharpe	September 19 – Ann Adams
September 4 – Josh & Katie Burch	September 19 – Brad Bennett
September 5 – James & Tonyia Knox	September 21 – Kent Dodson
September 6 – Barry Dodson	September 22 – Hannah Shepherd
September 6 – Gene Bailey	September 23 – Jane Agee
September 10 – Nathan Smith	September 24 – T. Melton
September 10 – Davy & Stephanie Broom	September 24 – Tom & Martha Morgan
September 12 – Ginny Laird Belk	September 25 – JR Gordon
September 12 – Garner Agee	September 27 – Matthew Sohner
September 13 – Jimmy Gaston	September 28 – Pete Burton
September 14 – Katie Burch	September 29 – Robin Dodson
September 15 – Dia Dodson Boyette	September 29 – Sarah Gaston
September 16 – Lauren Sharpe	September 30 – Bud Lyle
September 16 – Idella Howell	September 30 – Joe Gordon

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Order of Worship for the Lord's Day Sunday, September 6, 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.

