

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible* arr. Smith

*Please stand if able.

Today will be our soloist Shadia Suleman's last Sunday with us. She is graduating from Sweet Briar with a music major and is becoming a sound engineer. She has sung in our Chancel Choir since the fall of 2024.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, April 29

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 30

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

QMPC T-shirts on sale to support our Youth Group

Support the QMPC youth and show off your QMPC pride with a custom t-shirt. Available in short or long sleeves. The proceeds go to help our youth travel to Montreat Youth Conference this summer. Order yours today. We will take orders until May 10. Short sleeved shirts are \$20 and Long sleeved shirts are \$24. Extended sizes add \$2.

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday

Please plan on supporting our youth. After worship there will be a reception honoring our seniors.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Rebecca (Becky) Moore in recognition of her birthday by her children.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL are Tami Jacob & Amanda Stanbery.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL are Gracie & John Lanier and Maureen & Bob Lockridge.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Harper Stanbery.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in a basket in the Narthex for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools for worship and items to foster creativity. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please return them to the basket.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

ONLINE GIVING now available! Scan this QR code or click the "Give Now" button on the front page of our website to go directly to our giving page.



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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

Our faith community extends a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hopes that you will return often.

For more than a century, Quaker Memorial has been committed to our mission of Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives. If you are seeking a church that offers abundant opportunities for spiritual and personal growth and Christian witness, we believe that you will find a home here.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees
ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Anghaarad Teague Dees
*We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church:
"The peace of Christ be with you." & response "And also with you."*

PRELUDE *As the Deer* arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Woodie, Liturgist
Only the hungry search for bread.
Only the thirsty look for water.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings, and let the God of life satisfy
our souls.

Let us worship God! Alleluia! Amen!

*OPENING PRAYER Mary Woodie, Liturgist
O Mighty God, continue to guide us and do not take your hand from us. Show
us how to love one another. Renew us, guide us with your love and renew us
with your peace. We pray that we may learn what it is to hunger for you...to
thirst for justice so that all may have daily bread. Make us one people with the
entire world, united by the blood and love of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*HYMN #187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Mary Woodie, Liturgist
The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The Good Shepherd
knows the sheep and lays down his life so that the sheep may live. We are a
part of the flock and we are granted wholeness and restoration in our seeking
forgiveness for our wanderings. Let us confess together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mary Woodie, Liturgist
God our Shepherd, you provide us with all we need but we are consumed
with wanting more. You grant us respite and peace but we are always
thirsting for something different. You lead us in the way you want us to go
but we complain when the way isn't easy or when the way is not where we
want to go. You comfort us and walk with us through the darkest rallies but
we despair that we cannot feel your presence. You prepare tables for us and
for our enemies but we refuse to sit down at the table with those we deem
unworthy. You shower mercy and goodness upon us but we squander it.
Forgive us. Call us home and may we dwell there all of our days. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Mary Woodie, Liturgist
The Loving Shepherd never stops searching for us...never stops tending
us...never stops forgiving us. My fellow members of the flock, here is the
good news: Jesus loves us and there is nothing we can do to change that.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #245
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! (v.4)
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amanda Stanbery

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:9-17 Bible, page 303
Mary Woodie, Lector

ANTHEM *Only Jesus* arr. Williams
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 Bible, page 617

SERMON Good Shepherd Anghaarad Teague Dees

*HYMN #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's 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; 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies* Mendelssohn
Shadia Suleman, soloist

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy God, we thank you for all that you have bestowed upon us. We are
grateful for all of the resources you have provided for our use and we now
return to you the gifts of our lives and labors. Guide us as we embody your love
and joy in all our lives and in our world. Help us to walk with one another in
mercy and peace, in justice and joy, each and every day, that your abundant
grace and faith might flow in us wherever we walk, until we dwell secure in
your love all our days. Amen.

*HYMN #802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*