

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 28

10:00 a.m. Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I

Tuesday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, April 30

11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

Thursday, May 1

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Earth Day Celebration Following Worship Today

Join us for lemonade and the dedication of the memorial marker at the garden. We will also be planting roses in our historic rose garden.

Youth Sunday is next Sunday, May 4th

Please make plans to stay after worship for a fundraiser lunch to raise funds for Montreat.

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 Hannah Perkins.

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.

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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
Second Sunday of Easter
Earth Day Celebration
April 27, 2025

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 *Holy Ground* arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Woodie, Liturgist
In the midst of darkness and chaos
God imagined.
In the fury and the darkness
God imagined a world filled with trees, bluebirds, fluffy white clouds, bubbling
brooks and all of humanity.
In the darkness of the tomb
God imagined.
In the dawning of the new day
God imagined something new, and God’s love burst forth breaking the chains
of death.
Let us worship with the same imagination as the Creating One!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mary Woodie, Liturgist
Praise be to you, O God, who created all life upon the earth. Praise be to you,
O Jesus the Christ, the first born of all creation, through whom all things were
made, in heaven and on earth. Praise be to you, Holy Spirit, whose presence
sustains us and whose moving renews all creation. Come, O God, make
yourself known to us this day as you renew the face of the earth. Amen.

*HYMN #245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Mary Woodie, Liturgist
Sometimes we need reminders that we are connected to all of creation...to the
birds in the air, the fish in the sea, the bees buzzing in the trees and to all
peoples on every corner of the world. As we confess the ways we have

mistreated creation let us remember how God, our Creator has commis-
sioned us to be caretakers of the earth and all who reside on it:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mary Woodie, Liturgist
Dear God, Creator of the earth, this sacred home we share is too often
misused by us in the name of progress. When we are unkind to people and
forget they are God’s children, when we are careless with the beasts and
forget they are God’s creation, when we ill-treat the land and forget the
splendor of God. Forgive us, O God of love and reconcile us to yourself and
one another and to the creation. Give us new eyes to see the beauty all
around and to protect the wonders of creation. Give us new arms to
embrace the strangers among us and to know them as family. Give us new
ears to hear and understand those who live off the land and to hear and
understand those who extract its resources. Give us new hearts to recognize
the brokenness in our communities and to heal the wounds we have
inflicted. Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people and to shape
your beloved community. For you are the One who seeks the lost, binds our
wounds and sets us free, and it is in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Mary Woodie, Liturgist
Our loving God embraces us in all of our sinfulness and in doing so gives us
the chance to start again...to sow in our hearts the mercy and love of Jesus.
Siblings in Christ, we are reconciled to our Creator.
May we live lives of reconciling love modeled on the example of Jesus.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*CHORAL RESPONSE #581 *Gloria Patri*

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 1:4-8 Bible, page 297
Mary Woodie, Lector

ANTHEM *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Davis
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 61 Bible, page 846

SERMON Spring Up Anghaarad Teague Dees

*HYMN #18 *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator*

*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 *As the Deer* arr. Doran
*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)
Creator God, may we always walk gently upon the Earth, in right relationship,
nurtured by your love, open to the wind of your Spirit, taking only what we
need, always open to the needs of others, making choices that bring wellbeing
and life. May we live with generosity, striving for justice, honoring all with
reverence, mindful of those who will come after. Today as we return to you
the gifts of our labors we recognize our place as part of your creation and we
give thanks. Amen.

*HYMN #250 *Hymn of Promise*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE *Great Is the Lord* arr. Doran

*Please stand if able.