

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship: Two Cents a Meal
11:15 a.m. Children’s Choir rehearsal
No Youth activities

Monday, April 8

5:45 p.m. STAR Homeschool Debate Club

Tuesday, April 9

10:00 a.m. Communion at The Summit
10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom
6:00 p.m. Communion at Bentley Commons

Wednesday, April 10

STAR Homeschool Group in building
11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
6:00 p.m. After Hours at The Water Dog
6:30 p.m. Property Committee meeting

Thursday, April 11

10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, April 12

10:00 a.m. Lynchburg Retired Teachers Meeting
6:30 p.m. The Welcome Table Potluck Dinner & Hymn Sing

Communion at Bentley Commons, The Summit & Valley View

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at Bentley Commons (2nd Tuesday at 6pm) and Valley View (3rd Thursday at 3:00pm). We are also now serving communion at the Summit Assisted Living on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am. The residents at these places truly enjoy having folks visit with them during these short worship services. If you would like to join us, please let one of the pastors or the office know that you are coming.

The Welcome Table

All are invited to join us on the second Friday evening of every month for our Welcome Table Potluck Dinner and Hymn Sing. Bring a dish or two to share and enjoy dinner and community with the group. Following dinner, Richard leads everyone in singing favorite old hymns and standards.

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

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Mish Johnson.

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!



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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
April 7, 2024

WELCOME Richard Goodman
ANNOUNCEMENTS Richard Goodman
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Richard Goodman
*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 *Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You* Tornquist

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Gracie Lanier, Liturgist

L: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

P: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

L: Walk in the light of his love.

P: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

L: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

P: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Gracie Lanier, Liturgist

Draw us from our tombs...from our self-imposed prisons of doubt and darkness...into the light of your unflinching good news, O God. Gather us into this sacred space and let the Spirit of God inspire us to walk in light, care for one another, and worship God together. Amen.

*HYMN #234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Gracie Lanier, Liturgist

If we are honest, we don't like to bring the parts of ourselves that we don't like to God. We prefer to present ourselves donned in our Easter best, hoping that God will not see the ways in which we have failed to love one another, failed to be faithful, failed to be generous...let us open ourselves to the God who loves us no matter what, let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Gracie Lanier, Liturgist

Sometimes, we hide ourselves behind closed doors...afraid to love, afraid to share, afraid to be vulnerable. Sometimes, we hide ourselves behind closed minds...afraid to love, afraid to share, afraid to be vulnerable. But you always invite us to open ourselves up to you...to trust, to follow, to embrace your new life. Forgive our faintheartedness. Forgive our wariness. Heal our closed hearts and inspire us to be proclaimers of the your Good News and practitioners of our love. In Christ's Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gracie Lanier, Liturgist
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

So let's continue to sing and give thanks to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*CHORAL RESPONSE #581
Glory Be to the Father

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Richard Goodman

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:32-35 Bible, page 148
Gracie Lanier, Lector

ANTHEM *Rejoice the Lord is King* Wesley
Men of the Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 Bible, page 141

SERMON A Question of Belief Richard Goodman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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; 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN #513 *This Is the Feast of Victory*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Be Still and Know* Tornquist

2 Cents a Meal Offering

*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)

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us, and brought us the Day of Resurrection. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. In the spirit of the first believers, we now share our goods in common and contribute to the needs of the poor with glad and generous hearts. Amen.

HYMN *The Welcome Table* Traditional, US

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *God is So Good* Tornquist

*Please stand if able.