

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, August 25

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

Tuesday, August 27

7:30 a.m. Garden maintenance

Wednesday, August 28

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

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

Thursday, August 29

10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group

Friday, August 23

7:30 a.m. Garden maintenance

Saturday, August 31

9:30 a.m. Parkview Mission Workday

Parkview Mission Workday this Saturday

We have a work day scheduled at Parkview Mission Food for Thought for this Saturday, August 31 from 9:30 to 11am. Our group will be packing the backpacks that we donate snacks and personal hygiene items for. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you can help.

Session

Class of 2024

Jim Glass
Bob Lockridge
Valerie Rogers
Anders Sunwall
Skip Wodke

Class of 2025

Steve Bryan
Peggy Deyerle
Steve Hubbard
Elizabeth Plucker
Sam Miller

Class of 2026

Eric Barringer
Hunter Evans
Molly Garbee
Tami Jacob
Ray Paige
Joseph Robert

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Mary Lee Ashman by Scott, Angie, Burt, Kate, and Jennifer.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST are Joseph Robert & Peggy Deyerle.

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

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
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024

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 *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sally Sease, Liturgist
L: How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!
P: **The heavens burst forth with the goodness of your presence!**
L: Happy are those who find their strength in you, O God!
P: **Better is one day in the presence of God than a thousand elsewhere.**
L: The Lord is our light and our protection!
P: **Let us walk in the presence of the Lord and put our trust in God!**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sally Sease, Liturgist
Blessed are those whose strength is in the Lord and whose hearts journey with the Lord, for even when they pass through the dark times in life, the presence of the Lord will make it a place and a source of life. O Lord of hosts, may we come before you with thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

*HYMN #838 *Standing on the Promises*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Sally Sease, Liturgist
It is tempting to gloss over our sin and focus on our strengths, but God calls us to focus on the strength of Christ, not ourselves. God who is faithful and just, offers us a new way to live, and so we join together to confess our faults and failings. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sally Sease, Liturgist
God, we are prone to think too highly of ourselves. We forget that it is you who are good, you are the greatest. We forget that you call us to do your will, not the other way around. You call us to live our lives following you but the things that occupy our time are not the things that occupy yours. We are full of concern about:

Money...perfection...power...privilege...popularity...labels...nice cars...winning teams...big homes...recognition...power...honor.

You are full of concern about:
Grace...love...justice...peace...humility...hope...transformation...feeding the hungry...ending oppression...caring for the meek and lowly.

Help us, Lord to fill our minds with your thoughts...fill our hearts with your love and dress ourselves in faith, righteousness and peace. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sally Sease, Liturgist
Hear the Good News...Love could not be contained in the tomb and will not be constrained by our understanding! The Risen Christ brings forgiveness and hope to all!

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #435 (verse 1)
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failing have such kindly judgment given.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Anghaarad Teague Dees

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:7-12 Bible, page 835
Sally Sease, Lector

ANTHEM *Wonderful Words of Life* Bliss
Bob Beilfus, David Sease, Paul Sunwall & Andrea Webb

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-20 Bible, page 238

SERMON Pret a Porter Anghaarad Teague Dees

*HYMN #707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Iona Community
We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God, who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put us on the line; to bear responsibility, to take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. 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 *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* arr. Chesterton

*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)

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. Amen.

*HYMN # 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *A Psalm of Trust* arr. Paxton

*Please stand if able.