

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Ellson

*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)

You, Lord, are our God, and we are your people. As you have placed your generosity in our hearts, we pray now for the blessing of pouring it out for others. May the gifts we bring be of use in your kingdom, bringing hope to the despairing, light in the valley of shadows, peace in the midst of chaos. Make these tokens of our gratitude into a sign that shows your glory, until all come to see your gracious love. Amen.

HYMN #140 *Once in Royal David's City*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* arr. Mansfield

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, December 11

11:15 a.m. Baby Shower
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, December 14

10 a.m. to noon Coffee with your Pastor at Starbucks (19399 Forest Road)
11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
6:00 p.m. Churchwide Christmas Caroling
6:30 p.m. Property Committee

Thursday, December 15

3:00 p.m. Communion at Valley View
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Biscuit Buddies

THE CHRISTMAS WREATHS on the front doors are given in loving memory of Alma (Granny Maude) & Harold Webb by Andrea & David Webb.

THE CHRISTMAS WREATH on the choir door is given by Margaret Tucker in loving memory of her husband, Robert Tucker.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: Sharon & Eric Barringer and Maureen & Bob Lockridge,

OUR LITURGIST & LECTOR TODAY is Sara Curtis.

OUR ACOLYTES TODAY are Joseph & Sarah Robert.

ELDERS ON DUTY FOR DECEMBER: Liz Huband and Skip Wodke.

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



*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

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
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees
ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Sally Sease
*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 *Advent Meditation* Birchwood

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sara Curtis, Liturgist

L: Today there is good news for us to behold!

P: **Those who feared that they were worth little to God have found blessing in God's sight.**

L: For in the mercy and love of God,
the blind shall see, the lame shall walk without pain,
those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing,
and there shall be peace.

P: **God's mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls.**

L: Behold! The Lord's compassion is with God's people.

P: **Believe in the power of God in all things.**

*HYMN #105 *People, Look East*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Robert family
We know the story, but we never tire of hearing it again and again. As the old hymn says: "I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seeming hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest." May we hunger and thirst to hear this story of old in the midst of all the hubbub around us. Once upon a time, an angel came to bring tidings of great joy. Joy is like an underground spring that wells within each of us...we see it in the sparkle of the lights and we hear it in the laughter of children and we sing it in the refrains of our beloved carols. So, people of light, Rejoice! Lift up your voices and sing. Joy comes to us through the care of our Creator and we will stand radiant in the delight of the Triune God. The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. We join the refrains of joy, hope and peace for Light comes again and again into this world.

HYMN #97 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night
Watchman, tell us of the night, of the joyous natal star.
Traveler, o'er the earth it shines, sages journey from afar.
Watchman, in the manger lay, the Holy child loved and blest.
Traveler, hear the angels sing, "Alleluia to our guest".

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Let us pray:

Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that you made us to be joy-filled. May we find what makes us joyful and make that our gift to the world. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. May we go forth in hope, peace, and joy, singing the songs of the angels as well tell the story of Christ coming into the world. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist

In all honesty and humility, let us confess our sins before God and be freed of the burdens that weigh us down for the Advent journey ahead.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your Prophets call us!

Your Promises invite us!

And yet we have forgotten our prophets and we no longer believe so many of Your promises. Have mercy upon us O Lord of Love...

(Silence is kept)

Be with us as we journey through Advent. We confess to you our doubts, worries and fears that hold us back...

(Silence is kept)

Be with us as we prepare for the birthing of the Christ Child into this world. We confess to you our failings as we seek to follow him alone...

(Silence is kept)

O Lord our God, hear our prayers of confession this day. Remind us of your love and the high calling you place on the live of discipleship we seek.

Have mercy upon us this day and send us out from this place refreshed and renewed.

(Please take a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sara Curtis, Liturgist

Behold and believe in the wondrous power and love of God!

It is poured out for you and for God's beloved world.

Rejoice in this good news, for it is given especially to you.

We rejoice as we proclaim we are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE #130 *O Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*
Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning.
You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Liz Huband

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:39-56 Bible, page 69
Sara Curtis, Lector

ANTHEM *Every Valley* arr. Beck
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10 Bible, page 811

SERMON Rejoice with Joy and Singing Anghaarad Teague Dees

*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.

HYMN #87 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

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.