

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



*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.*

Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives

The Service for the Lord's Day;
Third Sunday of Advent; December 13, 2020
Our vocalist today is Gerald Doyle.

THE WREATHS ON THE FRONT DOORS are given in memory of Mike & Donna Donelan by David & Andrea Webb.

THE WREATH ON THE CHOIR DOOR is given by Margaret Tucker in memory of her husband.

THE POINSETTIAS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of our loved ones. A complete list will be in next week's bulletin.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you are seated, the right side of the sanctuary will turn to the left side of the sanctuary and share the ancient words of the church: *"the peace of Christ be with you"*

Then the left side of the sanctuary will turn while seated and respond: *"And also with you."*

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Broughton

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Wyatt Moore

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 1:46-48)

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

L: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

P: For God who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is God's name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Holy One, giver of life and light, as your word is read and proclaimed, illumine our hearts and minds, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives may reflect God's glory. Amen.

HYMN #105

People Look East

1. People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen

God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Old habits and new wrongs wear ruts through our lives and relationships. But God is able to restore us. Like water coursing through a desert, the waters of baptism flow through us, reminding us that we belong to God and are raised to new life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

You have taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs, O God. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We spend more time in preparation for the celebration and miss the hope, peace and joy of the gift already given. Forgive us in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

In Jesus Christ, the Lord has done great things for us! Even if we have gone out in tears, God brings us home shouting for joy. Thanks be to God: we are forgiven!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Isaiah 61:10-11 (Unison)

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

I will sing for joy in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God! For the Lord has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4

Meg Roach, Lector

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

ANTHEM

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

HYMN #104

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46b-55

Nancy Dawson

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.'

SERMON

Courage and Joy

Nancy Dawson

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.

HYMN #99

My Soul Gives Glory to my God

My soul gives glory to my God,

My heart pours out its praise.

God lifted up my lowliness

In many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me:

Yes, holy is this Name.

All people will declare me blessed,

And blessings they shall claim.

From age to age to all who fear,

Such mercy love imparts,

Dispensing justice far and near,

Dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones,

Promotes the insecure,

Leaves hungry spirits satisfied;

The rich seem suddenly poor.

Praise God, whose loving covenant

Supports those in distress,

Remembering past promises

With present faithfulness.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

Christ has brought light to illumine our darkness. We come with joy in response to your call to us. Accept these gifts as symbols of our commitment and thanksgiving. May they be used to boldly share with others the joy of loving Christ. AMEN

HYMN #97

Watchman Tell us of the Night

1 Watchman, tell us of the night,
what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight:
see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray
news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman, tell us of the night;
higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone

gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3 Watchman, tell us of the night,
for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight;
doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way;
hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today,
for Emmanuel has come!

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

arr. Mansfield

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