

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Hills of Bethlehem* Kendall

*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)

Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah, the savior of the world. We dedicate these earthly things to your use, that they and all the world might shine with your light. We celebrate the gift of life abundant, in your holy name. Amen.

HYMN #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*POSTLUDE *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* arr. Ritter

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, December 18

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Session meeting
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service & Buffet

Monday, December 19

6:30 p.m. Elder Training

Tuesday, December 20

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom
3:30 p.m. Missions Committee meeting in Moseley Chapel
7:00 p.m. Bells of the Blue Ridge

Wednesday, December 21

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch at Neighbor's Place
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
6:00 p.m. Creative Spirit Night
7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

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 Michelle Lee.

OUR ACOLYTES TODAY are Olivia Evans & Allie Wood.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR DECEMBER: Liz Huband & 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
4th Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees
ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Gerald Doyle
*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 *In the Town* arr. Scott

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Michelle Lee, Liturgist

L: In this place and among your people gathered

P: **O come, O come Emmanuel**

L: Where people walk in darkness and crooked roads need straightening

P: **O come, O come Emmanuel**

L: Where busy lives need stilling and minds are full of tinsel, presents and parties

P: **O come, O come Emmanuel**

L: Where there is no peace, and people shout in the wilderness

P: **O come, O come Emmanuel**

L: Where all seems fragile and broken

P: **O come, O come Emmanuel and help us find room for you in our hearts.**

*HYMN #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Doris Daniel & Phyllis Webb

The days are growing shorter and the time is drawing near that a mother will give birth to a son. Advent is a season pregnant with the purpose of intentional delay but we feel the climax of the story coming to fulfillment and we wait hovering like the angels' wings ready to once again tell the greatest love story of the ages. Once upon a time, for God so loved the world that he sent his only son and he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Emmanuel, God with us. The love of God surrounds and fills us at all times but there is something about the special way we are reminded of this love in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God first loved us. And the Light of love, that was there from the beginning it is coming again and again into this world.

HYMN #97 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night, *verse 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!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Let us pray:

God of love, magnify your love within us. Help us to seek you not in a long ago stable but in the people we meet and in the depth of our own hearts. When the turmoils of the world seem overwhelming may we abide in you and feel nourished in your grace. As we await the final joy of the coming of the Christ may we outdo one another in showing love. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION Michelle Lee, Liturgist

When our spirits despair and we deny our blessedness may we return to the throne of grace ready to lay down the burdens that weigh us down. May we remember that God's restoration is for all of us and as we prepare the dawning of Christmas, may we remember that we can turn to God and be restored, refreshed and renewed. Let us pray together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God With Us, we confess that times we feel very far away from you. With all the struggles of the world, sometimes we wonder where you are, instead of asking the question of who we are in this world. We forget we are all your children. We forget that you are the Alpha and the Omega. You have always been with us and will continue to be with us to the end of time. May we remember your covenant to be with us endures, even when we forget. In the times of deepest struggle, may we remember that you promised us a sign of your presence: Emmanuel, God with us. In these final days of Advent, as we draw closer to Christmas, may we remember, you are with us even when the music stops and the celebrations cease. As the promises of the world let us down, may we know you never forget the covenant you made with us, you are Emmanuel, now and always. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Michelle Lee, Liturgist

Take a deep breath...hold it for just a moment.

Listen to your heart beating and your lungs filling as you breathe in and breathe out. May we remember with every breath, we breathe in God's love. With every breath, remember that you are loved and you have been given the ability to love one another. It is God's love deep within each of us that forgives us and claims us...so breathe deep, the Spirit is in you.

Breathe deep...breathe in hope, breathe out peace, breathe in joy, breathe out love.

With every breath, we wait for God, and know that God is always with us.

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 Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:1-7 Bible, page 184
Michelle Lee, Lector

ANTHEM *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Davis
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:1-17 Bible, page 1

SERMON A Lineage Tells the Story 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 #110 *Love Has Come*

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.