

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;

Fourth Sunday of Advent; December 20, 2020

Our vocalists today are Jim Glass & Gail Midkiff.

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.

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

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Manz

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Faith Jacob

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

L: Come, let all who would worship the Lord, sing and give praise.

P: For in Christ we received a Savior who calls us into the family of God.

L: Jesus, born of the virgin Mary, sent that all might be saved.

P: Let us lift our voices in praise before Almighty God

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son, in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah. May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #108

Of the Father's Love Begotten vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

1 Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega;
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!
3 O, that birth forever blessed
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

5 O ye heights of heaven, adore him.
Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!
6 Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Let us confess our sins to the One whose mercy endures from generation to generation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

God of grace, you sent your son as the greatest sign of love, yet we look for love in the trappings of this world. You promise joy and peace and hope, but we focus instead on our worries and cares. Help us to sense anew that you are God with us. Empower us to keep the real focus of our life on you all year long. AMEN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Blessed be the God of our salvation, whose mercy is everlasting.

CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #113, vs. 3 *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 89:1 - 4

Sally Sease, Lector

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: "I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations." '

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 16:25–27

Nancy Dawson

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

SERMON

STEADFAST LOVE

Nancy Dawson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God, who proclaimed the good news of God and called all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil and delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, the giver and renewer of life who binds us together with all believers in every time and place in the one body of Christ, the Church. We therefore can rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN #144

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

3 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
4 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

Our lives abound with signs of your matchless love, O God. Our days are full because of your mercy. As those who long ago journeyed to Bethlehem and felt great joy at what had occurred, so also we come before you, praising your name for what you have made known to us. Accept these gifts and use them that all may know of your gift of forgiveness and eternal life. Amen

HYMN #136

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:	2 The shepherds feared and trembled
Go, tell it on the mountain,	when lo! above the earth
over the hills and everywhere;	rang out the angel chorus
go, tell it on the mountain	that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]
that Jesus Christ is born!	3 Down in a lowly manger
1 While shepherds kept their watching	the humble Christ was born,
o'er silent flocks by night,	and God sent us salvation
behold, throughout the heavens	that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]	

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Broughton

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Poinsettias

THE POINSETTIAS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of these loved ones.



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Evelyn Glass
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Phyllis Webb
Marianne Howell
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