

Anghaarad and Deborah will be on vacation this week. The office will be open from 9 am to 1 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday if you want to bring in your year end donations. There is a slot in the mailbox on the porch between the narthex and kitchen doors that you can drop any donations. To receive credit for any contributions made in 2022, all donations must be postmarked or received by the church office no later than December 31.



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 ACOLYTES TODAY are Macy and Marley Neal.

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
Christmas Day
December 25, 2022

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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 *Carol of the Bells* arr. Smith

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise and awaken, children of God!

P: For our light has come, and the glory of the Holy One shines out!

L: Lift up your eyes! Look around you!

P: The people gather together - the people of all nations come together to worship God.

L: You shall see and shall shine with God's light

P: Let us rejoice and praise God, whose love shines forth into the world.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Like eager children waiting for dawn, tearing at the wrapping to get to the gift, waking sleeping parents with shouts of joy, let our celebrations begin!

May this Christmas morning find us able to say "Alleluia" even in the midst of pain and anxiety, because You are our hope.

Jesus Christ, come to us, fill our hearts with joy in knowing this deeper truth that life contains, that because You come, all will be well.

Let us witness not to successful lives, not to perfect health, faultless families, highly achieving work, or new possessions, but to the quiet inner knowing of You.

And as we gather this joyful morning, let our Alleluias rise from willing lips, from lives opened to Your gift, and from hearts filled with Your love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, and Amen!

*HYMN #132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

AN INSTANT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (from the Gospels of
Matthew and Luke)

CAROL SING

You are invited to select requests from the following list of carols, and we will sing 1-2 verses of each:

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

110 Love Has Come

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

114 Away in a Manger

116 The Snow Lay on the Ground

119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

124 Still, Still, Still

128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

129 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

134 Joy to the World

135 There's a Star in the East

140 Once in Royal David's City

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

145 What Child is This

147 The First Nowell

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Christmas Affirmation

We believe that God has come to us as a little child,

making our weakness his strength,

securing our salvation by becoming one of us,

blessing us with a steadfast savior,

filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.

We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world,

giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts,

making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority,

declaring an everlasting reign of peace,

defeating the power of pain and suffering.

We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love,

inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table,

transforming us as disciples to go out into the world,

sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort,

challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.

This we believe.

This we preach.

This we seek to embody in word and deed.

HYMN #117 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

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 *Still, Still, Still* arr. Ritter

*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 "A Christmas Prayer"
by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen!"

*HYMN #146 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *On Christmas Night* arr. Paxton

*Please stand if able.