

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP
PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Once in Royal David's City* arr. Whipple

2 Cents a Meal Offering

*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)

May your Spirit of generosity rest upon us, Caring God, so that our giving does not end here, but only begins to flow forth in a baptism of hope, of grace, of healing, and of peace to all around us, as well as those we may never meet. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #129 *Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* arr. Balcombe

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, December 4

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal

5:45 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, December 7

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

6:00 p.m. Creative Spirit Night

Thursday, December 8

9:30 am - 1:00 pm Committee on Ministry meeting in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, December 9

6:00 p.m. The Welcome Table Potluck Dinner and Community Sing

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Shirley Ford, Edith Steger, and Frank Webb by Fran & Kent Ford.

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

OUR LITURGIST & LECTOR TODAY is Tami Jacob.

OUR ACOLYTES TODAY are Grace & Joy Jacob.

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.

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The Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

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 *From Heaven Above* arr. Eliot

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tami Jacob, Liturgist

L: The mystery begins

P: **Where the winter finds its feet, the rush of frost and chill completes with the old hope of incarnation.**

L: Darker nights unfold and with the fading light the sun weakens

P: **Held by this frozen earth, wrapped in winter's frost, the mystery of the ancient hope is alight once more.**

L: For from the stump of Jesse, the dry old tree of David's line comes a new branch...a new shoot cracking through the season with a promise yet unfulfilled: this is the hoping, the waiting...the Advent.

P: **Let us gather round the words the prophets spoke long ago and believe:**

L: Emmanuel is on the way.

*HYMN #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Savannah & Thomas Sorrells

You know what time it is. Once upon a time a voice cried out from the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord." We who know the story, know that Advent is about waiting but it is also about preparation...it is a time to make things ready in our lives and in our world for the coming Christ. We struggle in the busyness of all the activity to remember that this preparation is about more than parties, presents and over-full calendars. We often feel like we are pursuing something more perfect and more wonderful each year...what if we instead stood still for a moment and realized it is Christ who is pursuing us? God is always preparing something new. Even in the chaos around us, God is present gently leading us to new possibilities of justice and peace. We boldly keep telling the story began long ago: Light comes again and again into this world.

HYMN #97, v. 2 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Let us pray:

Holy God, we have forgotten what it is to be at peace. As we eagerly anticipate the birth of your Son, prepare our hearts to be transformed. We need you to pursue us in the busyness of our days and grant us the beautiful respite of peace. Our world desperately needs it. We desperately need it. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION Tami Jacob, Liturgist

God has a vision of a time and place when all the world will be at peace. Where sworn enemies will feast together...where the wolf shall live with the lamb and the calf and lion and the fatling all together in harmony. But we know how we resist living in such a kingdom, for our eyes are blinded by sin. Let us confess to our God, as we pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, God of Peace. We confess that we have not been your people of peace and justice. We have had opportunity to assist the poor and have chosen to ignore their needs and tend to our own comforts. We have preferred to sit on the sidelines rather than stand up for those in need. When you call us to be your servant leaders and to act with justice and mercy we do not head your call. As we repent, we would seek your Kingdom in our midst. Help us love one another with the tender love of Jesus Christ, in whom we have life. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Tami Jacob, Liturgist

L: God's light is present in this world.

Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness.

Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

P: **God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

God's grace is in the world, and our mis-steps will not overcome it.

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 Faith Jacob

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 Bible, page 784
Tami Jacob, Lector

ANTHEM *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom* arr. Hopson
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25 Bible, page 1

SERMON Joseph, Dearest 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 #347 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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.