

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

O God of the Ages, we know that the daylight will shift, that the weather will change, but in this moment, help us to settle deep into this season of waiting and watching. Remind us that bleakness and despair will always pass. Good News appears when least expected. Your voice cries out in the wilderness, may we head your call to turn back to you, to share what we have, to dedicate our lives, to know that your voice will move us and shake us and stir us to do something for you that will make all things new. Amen.

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

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Prepare the Royal Highway* arr. Mansfield

***Please stand if able**

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, December 10

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship & Congregational Meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
- 11:15 a.m. Session
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Tuesday, December 12

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Communion at Bentley Commons

Wednesday, December 13

- STAR Homeschool Group downstairs
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Caroling & Cookie Exchange
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee

Thursday, December 14

- 10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group meeting at Peggy Deyerle's home (744 Chinook Place)
- 5:30 p.m. After Hours (meet in parking lot of Craddock Terry Hotel)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Plan on joining us next Sunday evening for our Candlelight Service and Buffet. Please sign up in the Narthex and let us know if you can bring a finger food or dessert to share.

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 ACOLYTE TODAY is Allie Wood.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER are Eric Barringer, Sharon Barringer, Bob Lockridge & Maureen Lockridge.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR DECEMBER are Liz Huband & Elizabeth Plucker.

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

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

Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

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
Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

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 *An Advent Introit* Birchwood

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES
Sarah Evers, Joan Woodruff & Olivia Evans

Gather in peace, people of God. Sing the Advent song!
Song of faith, song of trust, a song to welcome the Christ.

Gather in peace, people of God and hear the prophet's song:
"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all his sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
(Isaiah 40:1-5)

And so we prepare the way of the Lord. . .

Light the first and second candles, as the preparation begins. For the prophets of old have spoken, announcing the breaking open of the dawn...guiding our feet in the way of peace. Let our thirst be for truth and justice. Let our dream be for peace, as bright as the sky. Let our song be like the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing.

Lullaby: *Brahms Cradle Song*
Gail Midkiff, soloist

(Light the first two candles as the soloist sings the lullaby)

Unison Prayer:

God, your world stands in need of you. Everywhere we look we see need of you; for your coming, your restoration, your peace, your transformation. Speak to us the peace that awaits us, of the balm of healing for our weary and wounded souls. Comfort us in our preparation and remind us that in the lullabies of peace, your time will come for Christ comes on the 'morrow and Christ is here. Amen.

*HYMN #347 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

CALL TO CONFESSION Peggy Deyerle, Liturgist

We come to prepare the way for Christ...the hope, the peace, the grace of God to enter our world and to enter our hearts. May we come without fear for it is in this preparation that we hear the Good News...the kingdom of heaven is near, the light shines in the darkness. Let us pray for peace not only in the world but in ourselves...may we prepare ourselves for the Christ child to be welcomed among us in peace:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace and justice, we confess that we have failed to live into either. We have mistaken peace for comfortableness, and justice of retribution. We have turned away from the stories that cause us discomfort and have twisted justice to be a power play for those with privilege. Forgive us. Forgive us for not noticing those on the margins or worse deliberately ignoring the most vulnerable among us. Forgive us for not seeking peace. Peace in our souls and our homes and our world. The ways of Christ always lead to peace, in his name we pray and ask forgiveness. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Peggy Deyerle, Liturgist

Jesus says: "Come to me, all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light: Know that when we give our burdens to God, we are not alone. None of us is perfect, all of us are in need of grace and forgiveness...all of us need peace deep within our souls.

May we extend grace and forgiveness to one another and strive to do better. Thanks be to God. Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Refrain)*

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Anghaarad Teague Dees

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:1-8 Bible, page 42
Peggy Deyerle, Lector

ANTHEM *Every Valley* arr. Beck
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Bible, page 304

SERMON Hannah's Song of Longing Anghaarad Teague Dees

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.

HYMN #104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

*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.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Ellson

*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.