

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Hark, the Glad Sound!* arr. Broughton

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service & Buffet

Tuesday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
6:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Property Committee

Thursday, December 18

10:00 a.m. Communion at Willow Ridge
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Candlelight Service

Plan on joining us this evening for our Candlelight Service and Buffet. This is always a special service of Lessons and Carols followed by a time of good food and fellowship. Bring your family!

Angel Tree

A few Christmas Angels remain on our tree. Please take one and return all gifts by next Monday, December 22.

Longest Night Service next Sunday, December 21 at 5:00pm

If you find this time of year difficult because of grief over loved ones no longer with us or because of broken relationships or because the shorter days bring about malaise, please join us for a simple service of light, wholeness, remembrance, and hope.

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 in loving memory of Margaret & Robert Tucker.

ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER are Tami Jacob & Amanda Stanbery.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER are Gracie & John Lanier and Maureen & Bob Lockridge.

OUR ACOLYTES TODAY are Olivia Evans & Joy Jacob.

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



Welcome to Worship at 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 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
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

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 O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Webb family

On this third week of Advent, we joyfully give thanks for our Everlasting Father. . . .

Psalm 68:5-10

UNISON PRAYER

God, our Everlasting Father, you bring joy to our lives through your constant care and attentiveness. As we light our candle of joy today, we are aware that even now in these turbulent days the light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not and will never overcome it, for our God is everlasting. As we await the joy of Christmas morning, may hope and peace fill our hearts. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sally Sease, Liturgist

The Light we wait for...the Light that is coming...the Light that has come

It is the Messiah...the Holy One of Israel...the prophet tells us that he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

In hushed anticipation of your coming, Everlasting Father, open our hearts to receive the joyful gift of life with you.

That we might be ready for your coming, and eager to greet you.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sally Sease, Liturgist

Holy One, we give thanks for the gift of Jesus. We ponder the meaning of one who is the Son yet fulfills the role of Everlasting Father. By your Spirit, give us the joy and assurance of your everlasting presence. As our anticipation grows for the day of great celebration of your birth, prepare us to join the world with goodness and hope and joy and song. Amen.

*HYMN #93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*CALL TO CONFESSION Sally Sease, Liturgist

There is no need to wait in long lines. God is always willing to listen to our hearts as well as our voices, as we admit how we have not cared as we could, how we have not trusted as we should, how we have not shared as we should. Let us come first in silence and then together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sally Sease, Liturgist

Keep Silence

. . .God of Christmas, this season is supposed to be so holy, yet the din of sales pitches turns us into cynical grumps. As we drive down the streets, the decorations on all the houses keep us from seeing the loneliness of the widower, the strained faces of those who fear the future. We are so determined to find just the right gift or card which speaks of joy, we forget that you came so long ago to offer justice to those who have none. Be patient with us as we seek comfort and joy. Be patient with us, Everlasting Father as we seek your grace to bring true reconciliation in our lives. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sally Sease, Liturgist

Do not be afraid, my friends, but believe. Our Everlasting God is here. . . . opening our eyes to see that salvation, which is ours, approaches us in this season of Advent.

We join our voices in rejoicing God who is our Savior. The One who whispers over us: “you are my beloved,” blesses and forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #863

The People Who Walked in Darkness

(The congregation will sing the refrain.

A soloist or the choir will sing one of the verses)

His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,

Father forever, Prince of Peace. (3 times)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:2-11 Bible, page 13

Sally Sease, Lector

ANTHEM Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Davis

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10 Bible, page

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SERMON Everlasting Father Anghaarad Teague Dees

*HYMN #129 Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

*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.

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 Advent Meditation arr. Eliot

*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

Holy One, we pray that with our gifts as well as our lives, we will tell of those who are given voice, those who are put back on their feet, those who show us the way, and those who offer us grace and hope, as well. We bring these gifts with joy in our hearts and dedicate them to your holy work. May we be partners in your work in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #144 In the Bleak Midwinter