

**\*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**  
O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and whose Lordship we praise. Come, Lord Jesus. Bring your love, bring your compassion, bring your peace, teach us generosity, and show us how to serve you. Amen.

**\*HYMN #140** *Once in Royal David's City*  
**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 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Longest Night Service

**Wednesday, December 24**

- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

**Thursday, December 25**

Church Office Closed

**Friday, December 26**

Church Office Closed

**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.

**Christmas Eve Service**

Join us this Wednesday at 5:30pm for our Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Communion.

**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 Cora DeWever & Hannah Perkins.

**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  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 21, 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 Savior Sweet, O Savior Kind arr. Blake

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Laura, Virginia & Sarah Robert  
  
To explore the aesthetic, beautiful qualities of love. . . .  
  
Psalm 46:1-2, 8-11

UNISON PRAYER  
Our Prince of Peace, we bid you come. Remind us of your love and your expectations for our living. As we have lit the candle of love, we pray for those who do not feel loved, for those who struggle to love others. We thank you for your presences with us, Emmanuel, God With Us. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may be heard for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Gail Midkiff, 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, Prince of Peace, prepare our hearts to receive love born in a manger low.  
That we might be ready for your coming, and eager to greet you.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Gail Midkiff, Liturgist  
Most Gracious God, we greet you once again in this sacred space. We have come because we need to be reminded of your love and your expectations for our living. We have come because our lives are a frenzy and we need your peace in our lives. We have come and so we pray...O Come Emmanuel, abide with us and dwell with us. Amen.

\*HYMN #105 People, Look East  
  
\*CALL TO CONFESSION Gail Midkiff, Liturgist  
As the joy of Christmas morn draws closer, we come with contrition in our hearts for the God who loves us is always birthing and renewing and ready to hear our anxieties and shortcomings. Let us come first in silence and then together:

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Gail Midkiff, Liturgist  
*Keep Silence*  
  
...Jesus our Christ, Prince of Peace, Savior of Creation, we come praising you. As we prepare for your birth, we give you thanks for this holy time and ask you to renew your call to us to be your people. As we get closer and closer to the stable, we acknowledge we have fallen short of following your way. We permit anxiety to rule our lives and have fallen victim to the myth of scarcity when you have already prepared the table of abundance for us. Renew us...open us to receive you once more. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gail Midkiff, Liturgist  
Beloved, children of God, you are recklessly loved by the Prince of Peace, the Holy One. Let us not be afraid to celebrate the presence of Christ this day in our lives.  
  
The prophets foretold it...we believe it, Jesus came to save us all! Alleluia. Emmanuel be born in us again. Alleluia! Amen!

\*CHORAL RESPONSE #86  
*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 Amanda Stanbery  
  
DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD  
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:39-56 Bible, page 69  
Gail Midkiff, Lector  
  
ANTHEM Still, Still, Still arr. Luboff  
Chancel Choir  
  
SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-17 Bible, page 779  
  
SERMON Prince of Peace Anghaarad Teague

Dees  
  
\*HYMN #110 Love Has Come  
  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
from Love Came Down at Christmas by Rosetti and I John 4  
  
Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
star and angels gave the sign.  
Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
but wherewith for sacred sign?  
Love shall be our token;  
love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and others,  
love for plea and gift and sign.  
Let us love one another, for love comes from God.  
This is how God showed his love among us; he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love.  
God is love.  
Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.  
We love because God first loved us.  
Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.  
Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine. 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 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear arr. Ellson