

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, December 28

10:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, December 31

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

Thursday, January 1

Church Office Closed

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.

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!



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*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
First Sunday of Christmas
December 28, 2025

WELCOME Richard Goodman
ANNOUNCEMENTS Richard Goodman
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Richard Goodman
*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 *In the Town* arr. Scott

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148) Mary Woodie, Liturgist

Praise God from the heavens!
Praise the Lord from the skies above!
Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!
Praise the Lord, sun and moon, and shining stars!
Praise God, all creatures great and small,
Praise the Lord, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!
Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,
Praise the Lord, men and women, young and old!

Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

We gather to praise and worship our God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mary Woodie, Liturgist
Christmas God, because you came to us as a helpless baby, we are reminded that each of us, young and old alike, are your children. You claim us and call us into relation with you, with ourselves, and others. Help us to hear your voice speaking to something new. Let your kingdom come in this world, O God, and let our hearts welcome the birth of the Holy child in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #146 *Gently Mary Laid Her Child*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Mary Woodie, Liturgist
As we continue the season of Christmas let us confess our sins, our actions and inactions, that are contrary to the kingdom of the newborn King. Let us pray together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mary Woodie, Liturgist
Forgive us Lord, for what we have done to tarnish your holy name. Help us shed our sin and join in your redemptive work. Forgive us when we fail to see you image shining in the face of another. So often our words are not of grace and peace, but rather words of hurt, exclusion and fear. Forgive us for seeking our own desires rather than yours. Give us courage to go and tell of your glory in this world. Give us hearts to follow you and follow you wherever you might lead. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Mary Woodie, Liturgist
Over and over we are reminded that sin does not have the final word. God will turn our mourning into joy, God will comfort us, God will give us gladness for sorrow.

We are forgiven in the name of Jesus. 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 Richard Goodman

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 63:7-9 Bible, page 848
Mary Woodie, Lector

ANTHEM *His Name is Wonderful* Mieir
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-23 Bible, page 2

SERMON Richard Goodman

*HYMN #115 *Away in a Manger*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's 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 *Who Would Think That What Was Needed* Bell/Maule
*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

Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah, the savior of the world. We dedicate these earthly things to your use, that they and all the world might shine with your light. We celebrate the gift of life abundant, in your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN #147 *The First Nowell*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Christians, Awake!* arr. Broughton

*Please stand if able.