

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you are the giver of every good gift, pouring out grace upon grace upon us and our world. With gratitude in our hearts we bring forth the gifts of our lives and our labors and dedicate them to the work of peace. Mighty God, show us your hope anew this Advent that we might see your branch sprouting anew in our midst and fill our lives and the whole earth with our embrace of you. Amen.

*HYMN #88 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1-2, 6-7)*
DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Prepare the Royal Highway* arr. Mansfield

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 8

10:00 a.m. to noon Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Communion at The Summit Assisted Living
6:00 p.m. Communion at Bentley Commons

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

Thursday, December 11

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 12

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

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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Anghaarad in thanksgiving for our QMPC staff, committee chairs, Session members & leaders.

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 Ella Sunwall & Harper Stanbery.

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 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
Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 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 An Advent Introit Birchwood

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Garbee family

On this second week of Advent when we light the candle of peace. . . .

Psalm 130:5-8

UNISON PRAYER
Mighty God, we are pregnant with anticipation for the day of peace to come to fruition. We pray that all people would know Shalom...wholeness, complete-ness, restoration. We pray that all warring would cease...the wars between nations, the wars between families and the wars within ourselves. Prepare us to greet Jesus, the Word who is God, full of grace and truth. In his name we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tami Jacob, 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, Mighty God, kindle in us the desire to seek your peace;
That we might be ready for your coming, and eager to greet you.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Tami Jacob, Liturgist
God of Peace, we are - we could be - people of your light. We need to prepare our hearts to receive the gifts of hope and peace. We need to prepare our minds to focus on your promise that a messiah will come and nothing will be the same. We need to prepare our spirits to praise you for prophecy, promise, and preparation; to find peace...may we do so now in our time of worship. Amen

*HYMN #87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

*CALL TO CONFESSION Tami Jacob, Liturgist
Our God offers us unending comfort and perfect peace, through Jesus Christ...we don’t always do a very good job at accepting this perfect gift. Let us now pause to prayerfully search our hearts for all the thoughts, words, actions and inactions that we deeply regret first in silence and then together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Tami Jacob, Liturgist
Keep Silence

...God of Peace, we confess that is so hard to find peace, in our hearts, in our communities, and in our world. We ache for it. We know this is not how you want us to be. We confess the discord in our own lives. You offer us confidence and compassion, but we have chosen worry, nurturing fear over faith and now we feel overwhelmed. May our longing for peace lead us on a new journey to your sacred peace. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Tami Jacob, Liturgist
Siblings in Christ, here is the good news...our failures, faults, and frailties are forgiven. The Prince of Peace eternally absorbs our human limitations and treats our finite vulnerabilities with infinite tenderness and grace.
In Jesus our peace is restored! Thanks be to God! 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 Grace Jacob

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 15:4-13 Bible, page 99
Tami Jacob, Lector

ANTHEM Every Valley Beck

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

SERMON Mighty God Anghaarad Teague Dees

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Confession of 1967
God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. God wills that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ, and all evil be banished from God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*HYMN #514 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

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

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.