

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 11:15 a.m. Rehearsal For Candlelight Service  
 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

### Monday, December 16

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Romeo's  
 7:30 p.m. Bells of the Blue Ridge Concert

### Wednesday, December 18

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer  
 7:00 p.m. Simply Christmas Service

### Thursday, December 19

11:00 a.m. Young at Heart  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Candlelight Service and Buffet TONIGHT

Tonight at 5 p.m. we will have our annual Candlelight service. It is always a beautiful, festive time together. Sign up in the Narthex with number attending and the food you are bringing. Please bring all dishes **ready to serve** so the fellowship committee can enjoy the service with you.

### Bells of the Blue Ridge Concert

Come and enjoy beautiful Christmas music by Bells of the Blue Ridge at QMPC on Tuesday, December 17 @ 7:30 p.m. The concert is free.

### SIMPLY CHRISTMAS – Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM

In the busyness of this season, this service will be a time to slow down, catch your breath and reflect on the meaning of Christmas. There will be scripture readings, soft carols, contemplation on the Christmas story, and reflection on the impact of the "Good News of Great Joy" on the various characters. You will have a chance to think of ways to "keep Christ in Christmas this year" through candle lighting and receipt of a "token" to help you stay grounded when life gets busy and rushed. After the service, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to make an ornament for your tree.

### Young at Heart

Join us on Thursday, December 19 at 11:00 am for our Christmas Young at Heart. Our guest will be our own Helen Ford. She works her musical magic on our young folks and is going to bless us with her talent. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped \$1.00 gift to participate in a little Secret Santa swap. Our menu this month will include ham, green beans, potato salad, rolls and dessert. Beverages will also be provided. Cost is \$2.00. Come join us for a joyous celebration and feel free to bring a friend.



*Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 p.m.*  
*Traditional Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 p.m.*

## Churches for Urban Ministry Fruit is here for pick up.

### Advent Devotions

Weekly devotionals for the Advent season are on the table in the Narthex for those who wish to enrich their faith this season.

### Poinsettias Now on Sale

To purchase a poinsettia as a memorial or an honorarium, fill out a form (include payment) and return to the office. Order forms are located in the Narthex. The price is \$10.

## Session

### Class of 2019

Diane Baldwin, chair, Nominating Committee  
 Julia Bryan, chair, Fellowship &  
 Clerk of Session  
 Gerald Doyle, chair - Personnel  
 Nikki Kariuki, chair - Missions  
 Tim Roach, chair - Property

### Class of 2020

Eric Barringer, vice chair- Personnel  
 Neal Gibson, vice chair- Missions  
 Liz Huband, chair-Christian Education  
 Howard Jennings, chair -Romeos  
 John Lanier, co- chair, Budget & Finance

### Class of 2021

Phyllis Beilfus, chair- Worship & Music  
 Clyde Harkrader, vice chair- Worship & Music  
 Steve Hubbard, co-chair- Budget & Finance  
 Bob Lockridge, chair- Care & Nurture  
 Shirley Morris, vice chair- Fellowship

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*Welcoming All*

*Serving Christ*

*Transforming Lives*

The Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Nancy Dawson

*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."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

PRELUDE

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Mansfield

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our souls magnify the Lord!

P: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

L: Holy is God's name!

P: Let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

\*HYMN #93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mary said, "How can this be?" and opened her heart to mystery and grace. And gave her life over to bearing the child of God, even though that could mean the end of her life as she knew it. She said, "My soul magnifies the Lord!" and understood herself profoundly as a child and in the image of God. We confess, Lord, that we have not opened our hearts to the entering of your spirit. Descend upon us today as you did with Mary, and help us to know ourselves as agents of your work in this world. Forgive us and give us strength, we pray. Amen.

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Liz Huband  
(Children age 4 through grade 2 leave for Children's Worship Time)

**DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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

ANTHEM *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain* arr. Jennings  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46-55 pew Bible, page 69

SERMON And Mary said, "Yes" Pam Claterbaugh

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** Hymnal page 35

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.

HYMN #99 *My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Song of Mary)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** Hymnal, page 35

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, this Advent season we wait in joy, and we give with joy. Joy for all you have given us; Joy because of your sacred promises. Receive these generous offerings, and use them to spread joy in our world. Amen

\*HYMN #129 *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

**DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn# 88

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

\*Please stand if able.

**OUR GREETER** this morning is Mike McPeake.

**OUR USHERS** for the month are Steve Bryan (head usher), Lisa Cawthorne, Larry Epperson and Janet LaPrade.

**OUR ACOLYTES** this morning are Joseph & Elizabeth Plucker.

**OUR NURSERY HELPERS** this morning are Hayley Mullins and Lilly Wood.

**OUR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADERS** this morning are Amy McCarty & Nicole Plucker.

**OUR LECTOR** this morning is Clyde Harkrader.

**OUR LITURGIST** this morning is Clyde Harkrader.

**OUR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS** today are our newest members, Sam & Josie Miller.

**THE POINSETTIAS** in the sanctuary this Advent season are given to the glory of God by members and friends of the church in memory and in honor of their loved ones.

**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.

**WELCOME PADS** are located in each pew. Each person is requested to sign this pad and provide the appropriate information. Pass the pad to your neighbor and return it to its original position, so that everyone may learn the names of all on your pew.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to turn off or silence your cell phone prior to the beginning of worship services.

***Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!***

*Our faith community extends a warm welcome to visitors 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.*

*Visitors are invited to take a visitor gift bag (available in the narthex).*

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect."*  
*Romans 12:2*