

# Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



*Welcome to Our Christmas Eve Service!*

*Our faith community extends a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hopes that you will return often.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

OPENING PRAYER

Nancy Dawson

PRELUDE

*Away in a Manger*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Steve & Julia & Beccie Bryan

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Glory to you, Almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people

Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you call us to believe and direct and rule our lives.

Glory to you, Almighty God, and to your son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and Forever.

PRAYER OF ADORATION (Unison)

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

On this Holy Night, O God we behold and proclaim your glory. You have sought us out to be your people and sent your chosen one, Jesus, to save us from our sin and to heal the broken relationship between us and you. We now gather to worship you with our praise and thanksgiving. AMEN

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-24

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him;

## *The First Noel*

Bob Beilfus

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5 Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. [Refrain]

## CHILDREN'S STORY

Gloria the Christmas Angel by Scott Anthony Asalone Nancy Dawson

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nancy Dawson

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## *O Holy Night*

Helen Ford

1 O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope--the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

2 Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,

In all our trials born to be our Friend.  
He knows our need-- to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King, before him lowly bend!  
Behold your King, before him lowly bend!  
3 Truly he taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and his gospel is peace.  
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;  
Let all within us praise his holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

Julia Bryan, Liturgist

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### *Mary, Did You Know?*

Bob Beilfus

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy  
has come to make you new?

This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will calm the storm with his hand?

Did you know that your baby boy

has walked where angels trod?

When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God

The blind will see, the deaf will hear,  
the dead will live again

The lame will leap, the dumb will speak  
the praises of the lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy is Heaven's perfect Lamb?

That sleeping child you're holding is the great I am

Mary, did you know that your babe is the Lord of all

## A CHRISTMAS STORY

Nancy Dawson

"An Intimate Moment with Mary & Joseph", from the book *Intimate Moments with the Savior* by Ken Gire

## PRAYER

Nancy Dawson

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PARTAKE OF THE ELEMENTS AS DIRECTED

### PRAYER OF RESPONSE

*Silent Night*

Helen Ford

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace (x2)  
Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar;

Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the Savior is born! (x2)  
Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, oh, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth (x2)

Please turn on your candle (switch at the bottom) and hold candle high on the last verse.

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

