

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, February 26

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Care & Nurture Committee meeting
- Youth Group going to Wintergreen to go tubing

Monday, February 27

- 6:30 p.m. After Hours at The Water Dog

Tuesday, February 28

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, March 1

- STAR Home School Group meets downstairs
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at home
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Spirit Night

Thursday, March 2

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study
- 2-4 p.m. STAR Tutor meetings
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

After Hours with the Pastor

Anghaarad will have another gathering at The Waterdog (1016 Jefferson Street) tomorrow evening beginning at 6:30pm. Come have a beverage of your choice and join in some great conversation.

Lenten Invitation

As a part of the Lenten Season this year, everyone will be invited to join one of our hosts for a meal and discussion on what it means to be the church whose beginnings began at the table. We have 8 opportunities to eat a meal, fellowship with church family and reflect on the many ways Jesus invites us into community. Groups are limited to no more than 10 people...so you want to sign up early to guarantee a spot. All ages are welcome. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex and you can chose what meal time you prefer...we have breakfast, brunch, lunch & dinner options.

Prayer Stations

Each week during Lent a new prayer prompt will be placed in the Narthex. Be sure to stop by and allow these visual prompts to deepen your Lenten journey.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Norris Deyerle by Peggy Deyerle, his children and grandchildren.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY: Susie Hubbard, Janet LaPrade, Valerie Rogers & Skip Wodke.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Macy Neal.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY are Peggy Deyerle and Gracie Lanier.

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



*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

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 in Lent
February 26, 2023

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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Held

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

L: The dust that shapes the journey,
the cross that guides it,
the color that surrounds it,
the light that fades through it,
the word that foretells it,
the wilderness that invites it.

P: This is Lent,
and into its wilderness
God calls us.

L: Come,
brothers and sisters,
Christ is heading for Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Holy God, we bring to this sanctuary and place before you our burdens and brokenness, our self-image bruised and hurting, our fears, shame, doubts and anxieties, the raw materials we ask you to bless and change, that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light and inner desert experiences we may find you. Amen.

*HYMN #166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Friends...may we have the courage to face and name our own temptations in this season of Lent. As we approach the throne of grace may we recognize our need for God's mercy and love. Let us pray together...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, help us to say no. We confess that the voices of the world tell us to build up investments in the things of the world, to accumulate all the stuff, to hold on to material possessions and to overextend ourselves. Lord, help us to say no. We confess that we chase after empty words and hollow actions. We rush to quick fixes and easy answers when it would be better to live with and explore the questions. Lord, help us to say no. We confess to throwing money at every problem and overlooking the common humanity in others. We want the easy way, the popular way, the way that does not involve pain or hardship even when we know that you call us to carry crosses and trust that your love bears all. Lord, help us to say no to the world and yes to you. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to...whatever ways you find yourself consumed by the pressures of this world...remember you are a beloved child of God, so walk with boldness. You are kept under the shelter of the Most High, so walk in peace. And Christ walks with you in faith always. Trusting in the mercy of God we declare that we are forgiven. Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE #437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*
Your are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 3:1-13 Bible, page 3
Gerald Doyle, Lector

ANTHEM *Lead me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness* Wesley
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11 Bible, page 3

SERMON An Invitation: To Say No Anghaarad Teague Dees

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' 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.

HYMN #829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* arr. Livingston
*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

God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

HYMN #418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Postlude on "St. Anne"* arr. Young

*Please stand if able.