

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



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.

Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives

The Service for the Lord's Day;
2nd Sunday after Epiphany; January 16, 2022
Our Vocal Leader is Bob Beilfus.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Sara Curtis to the glory of God and in loving memory of Buzz's parents, Iva & Robert D. Curtis, Sr. and Sara's parents, Louise & Edmund Russell.

WELCOME

Anghaarad Teague Dees

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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

We Are One in the Spirit

arr. Thomas

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

L: Come!

P: Come and worship,

L: You who woke early and you who slept late;

L: You who come often and you who don't. Come and worship!

P: Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between, there is room for all of us in God's kingdom, and more than enough grace to go around.

L: Let's worship God together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Eternal God, we would bow as empty vessels waiting to be filled but our minds and souls are busy with many things which impede our being filled by you. Help us to divest ourselves of the worries and troubles which so daily beset us. Empty us of them now that we may be filled. Empower us as we worship here and then enable us to impact your world for Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN #395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night,

filling us with light unclouded.

All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
Light of Light, from God proceeding.

Touch our lips and ears and heart;

help us by your Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry your church now raises;

hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Creator God, with each breath of life you breathe, you give gifts to your creation, calling us to use your gifts to build up your kingdom on earth. We confess that sometimes we do not see your gifts for the treasures they are. We either take credit for them ourselves, or we dismiss them as not important. We privilege some gifts over others, forgetting that you care about tiny things as much as big things. And when we are called upon to use our gifts for your glory, so often we find ourselves distracted by our own desire and uncertain of your direction. Forgive us. Open our ears to hear you speaking, and our hearts to embrace your purpose. Amen.

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

In the midst of our imperfection, God can be seen, and in the midst of our repentance, God's new life takes root. Friends, believe and live the good news. In the name of Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

***CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #441 Hear the Good News of Salvation vs 1**

Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love
Such great kindness!
Come to us from heaven above

Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Skip Wodke, Lector

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

ANTHEM

We All Are One in Mission

Hymn # 733

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

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On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

Firsts

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

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 #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. We dedicate all that we are and all that we have to your glory. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy,
until we meet again.
2 Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving,
until we meet again.

3 Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient,
until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient,
until we meet again.
4 Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful,
until we meet again.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Come, We That Love the Lord

arr. Mansfield