

HYMN #749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

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 *Come, Follow Me* arr. Allred

*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 (in unison)

God, thank you, thank you, thank you – for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your reign of righteousness here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. Amen.

HYMN #305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *The Rock of Salvation* Ritter

*Please stand if able.



THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given today 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.

OUR LITURGIST & LECTOR TODAY is Mary Woodie.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Marley Neal.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS will be received into membership today: Olivia Evans, Grace Jacob & Joseph Robert.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY are Peggy Deyerle, Jane Reynolds, Anders Sunwall, & Joan Woodroof.

ELDERS ON DUTY FOR JANUARY are Julia Bryan and Sally Sease.

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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*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
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 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 *Prelude on "Restoration"* arr. Birchwood

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Woodie, Liturgist

L: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me!
Follow me! Be my disciples!"

P: **We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

L: In the name of Christ,

P: **We accept the invitation to discipleship**

L: In the name of Christ,

P: **We worship and praise God.**

L: Come, let us worship together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mary Woodie, Liturgist

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence...to worship. Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity...Jesus calls us to love. Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision...Jesus calls us to justice. As we heed the call of Jesus may we gather at the river to worship together in joy! Amen.

*HYMN #375 *Shall We Gather at the River*
(Please be seated)

CALL TO CONFESSION Mary Woodie, Liturgist

Jesus used his hands to heal, lift up, bless, sow kindness and tenderness and too often we keep our hands at our sides when we could be reaching out in love. As we seek forgiveness for all the ways we clench our fists, throw our hands up in defeat, and fail to offer a helping hand let us look upon your hands as we pray together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you created our hands beautiful and capable but...too often we use them to grab what we want *(make a grabbing motion with your hand)*

We clench them tightly in anger as if we might strike the one who has angered us *(make a fist)*

We don't always use our hands to care for others but choose to only take care of ourselves *(use your hand to pat yourself)*

We hear the cries of your people...people who are outcasts in society and yet we do nothing *(sit on your hand)*

We feel helpless and defeated when we see all of the needs around us *(hold up your open hand before you)*

Teach us to open our hands to share with others...give us power to join hands with our neighbors to build your kingdom of love. *(If near someone hold their hand)*

We lift up our hands *(lift your hand up in praise)* **and we seek your forgiveness and we remember Jesus' loving hands and pray that we would be more like Jesus.** *(Hold your hands in front of you)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Mary Woodie, Liturgist
(Continue to hold your hands open in front of you)

God is not hate, God is not wrath, God is not apathy.

God is love.

And that means that God forgives, again and again. Your hands and hearts have been washed clean.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE #582
(Use your hands to clap as we sing in response to God's loving forgiveness)

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Elizabeth Plucker

CONFIRMATION AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Grace, Joseph, and Olivia by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do** Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We will**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church. Let us welcome them to this ministry:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:12-23 Bible, page 4
Mary Woodie, Lector

ANTHEM *He Leadeth Me* arr. Martin
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27 Bible, page 619

SERMON Goodness 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.