

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;
Second Sunday of Christmas; January 2, 2022
Our Vocal Leader is Gerald Doyle.

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

To Follow the Star

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DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sally Sease, Liturgist

L: The Light of the World has come!

P: The Light of the World is here!

L: The Light of the World is coming again!

P: The Light of the World is in us!

L: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

P: Shine bright, for the Light of the World is Jesus!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

The Light of the World has come and we join the angels' song of, "Gloria, gloria!" We celebrate today the joy that the wise men found when they came to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We come as they did to worship and praise the Savior. There was anxiety and anticipation as they traveled those many miles just as we come today with our own worries and hopes as we search for the truth and life found only in Jesus. Help us as we worship to see and to follow the Light of the World so that we might go with joy proclaiming, "Christ the Lord is born!" Amen.

***HYMN #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sally Sease, Liturgist

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. 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 in confidence. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Loving God, we confess that we have not always shone our light. We have been burned out, drained dry, run ragged. We are tired people, overburdened by our busyness and countless to-do lists. We are filled with worries and overwhelmed by the negative news in the world. Restore in us your Spirit so that we will be renewed and rekindled that we might shine brightly for you. May our hearts be filled with the awe and wonder of the season that in our lives and actions your light would shine brightly for all the world to see. In Jesus' name we pray.

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Jesus has been on our path, breathed our air, carried our struggles. Life is not easy or fair, but it is worth it with companion on this journey of faith. Give your burdens over to Christ, and know that you are not alone. You are restored, rejuvenated, and blessed by the God that loves you madly. **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

Anghaarad Teague Dees

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Titus 3:4-7

Sally Sease, Lector

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

ANTHEM

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymn # 150

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Anghaarad Teague Dees

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON

Stardust Lingers

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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 #151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING OF BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, the new year has begun, the resolutions made, the festive decorations are coming down and life is returning to the ordinary time we travel through most of the year. This year, we pray that your light will shine brightly through us without fear or shame. Help us to keep watching and waiting with hope alive when times are difficult. May we light the path so that others may see and come to know the Christ we love and adore. And may all that we give and do and say be to Christ's glory. Amen.

***HYMN #146**

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1 Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled,
to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
who have found his favor.

2 Angels sang about his birth;
wise men sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth,
glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,

heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night;
all the hills were ringing.

3 Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled,
but no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth,
beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth;
hail the King of glory!

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Sussex Carol"

