

# 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;  
4th Sunday after Epiphany; January 30, 2022  
*Our Vocal Leader is Bob Beilfus.*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Edgar and Virginia Pickrel, by Brenda & Michael Whorley and Don & Lorene Pickrel.

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

*Oh How I Love Jesus*

*arr. C Tournquist*

## 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

Our God and Creator, we rejoice that you have created each one with the capacity to love you and to love one another. Awaken such love for you that we may know you better than our own flesh. Quicken our love for others so that our capacity to care, to understand and to share my increase greatly. May your love direct our hearts this and every day. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN #366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;

let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.  
3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.  
4 Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Whether we have the gift of beautiful speech, or the gift of understanding and knowledge, or the gift of faith or of generosity or of any other good thing—if we do not love, even our most precious talents are as nothing. And if we believe Love to be a only feeling or a thought, still we miss the Truth. Before God, with the people of God, let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God's Love. Let us pray.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

One: Love is patient and kind

All: **and we are in a bit of a hurry. . .**

One: Love does not insist on its own way

All: **but really, God, we act as if our own ways are clearly best.**

One: Love is not envious or resentful

All: **and yet we hoard it as if there might not be enough.**

One: Love is all these verbs—rejoices, bears, believes, hopes, endures—

All: **but we are so tempted to confine it where we can understand and control, domesticating love into romance or intellect.**

One: God is Love, and those who abide in Love abide in God.

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

One: When we have not lived in your love, when we have insisted and hurt and believed ourselves to know fully even as we know only in part,

All: **Forgive us, O God.**

One: When we have thought, spoken, and acted in childish ways even as you call us to grow in your grace,

All: **Forgive us, O God.**

One: Draw us again into your embrace, that we may abide in faith, hope, and love.

All: **Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Friends, hear this good news: Though now we see dimly, as through a tinted window, Love is clearing the way for us to know God just as fully as God knows us. **We will live the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*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!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Skip Wodke

**DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 71:1-16

Skip Wodke, Lector

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long. Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent. For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together. They say, 'Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver.' O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace. But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge. I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

**ANTHEM**

*Great God of Every Blessing*

Hymn # 694

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**SERMON**

Better Than Ice Cream

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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 #693**

*Though I May Speak*

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.  
2 Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,

but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.  
3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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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**

God, you have given us each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. 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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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

arr C Tornquist.

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