

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 3, 2021
Our vocalist today is Helen Ford.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you are seated, the right side of the sanctuary will turn to the left side of the sanctuary and share the ancient words of the church: *"the peace of Christ be with you "*

Then the left side of the sanctuary will turn while seated and respond: *"And also with you."*

PRELUDE

Prelude on O JESULEIN SUSS

Bach/Paxton

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

P: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

L: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

P: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

God of every blessing, we rejoice that you have chosen us from long ago, adopted us as your beloved children, and gathered us into your presence. Now make known in our hearts and lives your eternal purpose for heaven and earth so that we may live, this day and always, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king,
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"
2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

The gift of God's grace is lavished upon us poured out like water through the life and death of the risen Lord. Trusting in the love and goodness of God, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

The radiance of a star guided the travelers to the feet of Jesus where they worshipped and bowed down. We confess the times when we chose to go our own way rather than be guided by you. There are also times when we are reluctant to allow the power and radiance of Christ to flow through us. Forgive us, O Lord. Strengthen us with your Spirit to follow where you lead us and to reveal your glory and love through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

This is God's promise, the sign and seal of your redemption: You have been called by God, claimed in Christ, set free through the Spirit. Believe this good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE: Hymn 121 vs. 4 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 ,

Bob Beilfus, Lector

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

ANTHEM

Some Children See Him

Burt

Some children see Him lily white,
The baby Jesus born this night.
Some children see Him lily white,
With tresses soft and fair.
Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
The Lord of heav'n to earth come down.
Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
With dark and heavy hair.
Some children see Him almond-eyed,
This Savior whom we kneel beside.
Some children see Him almond-eyed,
With skin of yellow hue.

Some children see Him dark as they,
Sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray.
Some children see him dark as they,
And, ah! they love Him, too!
The children in each different place
Will see the baby Jesus' face
Like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace,
And filled with holy light.
O lay aside each earthly thing
And with thy heart as offering,
Come worship now the infant King.
'Tis love that's born tonight!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:10–18

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He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

SERMON

Face to Face

Nancy Dawson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 #129

Lo, How a Rose 'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.
2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.

To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.
3 This flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKE OF THE ELEMENTS AS DIRECTED

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

You have given us more than a star, O God, to guide us. You have revealed your love in the person of Jesus, the Light of the world. As we offer our gifts from the bounty of your grace, we recognize our responsibility to be bearers of your light and offer ourselves to your service. Amen

HYMN #145

What Child Is This?

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!
2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!
3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Peterson