

***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)**

Lord our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We give you thanks and praise and we dedicate to you our offering. In this we also dedicate the workings of our hands, the thinking of our minds, and the loving of our hearts. May each be used for the glory of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #352

My Lord! What a Morning

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

What Star is This?

arr. Ritter

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, January 8

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, January 10

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, January 11

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
- 6:00 p.m. Vision Board Workshop

Thursday, January 12

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. Biscuit Buddies: Continue painting downstairs classrooms

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

OUR LITURGIST & LECTOR TODAY is Casey Wood.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Grace Jacob.

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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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



*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.



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The Service for the Lord's Day
Epiphany
January 8, 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 *Epiphany* Peterson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Casey Wood, Liturgist

L: O star-flinging God, whose light dances across eternity,

P: **Dazzle us into your presence, this new year.**

L: Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.

P: **Awaken us to your presence, knit to the ordinary.**

L: Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.

P: **Heal us, that we might be healers.**

L: Reconcile us to you and to ourselves, that our living might be reconciling.

P: **May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day and the
Northstar by night, as we travel into the gift of a new year.**

L: Let us worship God together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Casey Wood, Liturgist

O star-flinging God, stop us often we pray: With news that is good, with hope that holds, with truth that transforms with a Word tailored to this trail we are on. And may this path Christ walked run through our lives and may we be the road Christ takes. Amen.

*HYMN #145 *What Child Is This*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Casey Wood, Liturgist

Let us kneel in the darkness until we see God's light emerge. Let us wait with hope filled hearts, as Christ's image grows within us and shows us life. Let us approach the throne of grace and pour out hearts ready to be reconciled to the love and light of the world.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Change our hearts to desire you. Open our eyes to see the injustice around us and give us the boldness to speak words of love and peace. Forgive us for praying for vision while holding our eyes closed. Forgive us for keeping silent, and for speaking our own desires rather than yours. Give us grace to admit our shortcomings and still point to you. Give us strength to follow you, where you might lead. Help us to follow in faith. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Casey Wood, Liturgist

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.

Rejoice dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL RESPONSE #582

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 Faith Jacob

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 Bible, page 2

Casey Wood, Lector

ANTHEM *What Shall I Bring to the Lord?* arr. Lau

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Bible, page 844

SERMON Arise, Shine! 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.

RECEIVING OF STAR WORDS

*You will be invited to come forward to receive a star word to guide your year.
Our prayer is that this word has chosen us and will draw us closer to God in the
coming days.*

UNISON PRAYER

God, we acknowledge that we are not always ready to receive your best gifts for us. Our prayer is that this "star word" will draw us closer to you and in our searching, we will find you in the ordinary of our lives. It is too often our habit to turn aside, stumble over, or even reject experiences and encounters that we later understand to have been precious gifts. Help us to be open to the gift that you offer us now through our "star words." We acknowledge that we do not fully understand what this word might mean for our faith, but we receive it from you with gratitude and pray that your Spirit will enable us to live into our word with intention and faithfulness. Amen.

HYMN #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

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 *To Follow the Star* Ritter