

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;
Baptism of the Lord; January 9, 2022

WELCOME

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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

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

L: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength:

P: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

P: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

L: May the Lord give us strength.

P: May the Lord bless us with peace.

L: Praise the Lord!

P: The Lord's name be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Spirit of the Living God, descend upon us this day as you did upon Christ in the River Jordan. Reveal your wisdom to us as we listen for your Word that might forever testify not to ourselves but the One who is our Teacher and Messiah. Spirit of the Living God, descend upon us, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #159**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Bethlehem,
of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them
from angels in the air.

The light that shone on Bethlehem
fills all the world today.

Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
the angels sing alway.

2 O sing a song of Nazareth,
of sunny days of joy;

O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
and of the sinless boy.

For now the flowers of Nazareth
in every heart may grow.

Now spreads the fame of his dear name
on all the winds that blow.

3 O sing a song of Galilee,
of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea
and bade its waves be still.

For though, like waves on Galilee,
dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word,
falls peace upon the soul.

4 O sing a song of Calvary,
its glory and dismay,
of him who hung upon the tree,
and took our sins away.

For he who died on Calvary
is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,
is mighty now to save.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

The voice of the one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

L: You have called us by name, and we belong to You.

P: **And we confess that sometimes we can't hear, and sometimes we don't want to belong to anyone. We like our independence.**

L: You called us through the water and into new life, into new hope, into new community.

P: **Forgive us when our answer is "if it's convenient for me."**

L: We make promises to guide and nurture, to support and encourage, to learn and serve,

P: **and often we do not keep those promises.**

L: Faithful God, call us again, forgive us our brokenness, and lead us by your still waters.

P: **Help us to live as you created us: for your glory. Amen.**

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so in Christ, God speaks to us; You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well please. In the name of Christ we are forgiven. **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.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 3:15-17

Gerald Doyle, Lector

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

ANTHEM

Night of Silence

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

SERMON

Through the Waters

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HYMN #375

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,

we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. [Refrain]

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river;
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

Renewal of Baptism

Opening Sentences

Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Invitation to Renewal our Baptismal Covenant

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. (Apostles' Creed, page 35, hymnal)

Litany for Baptism

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said: when you pass through the waters, I will be with you

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Do not fear says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name and you are mine.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Aspersion of the Waters

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves. As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism at the hand of John, so you claimed our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with him in new life. By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness that Christ is the Savior of the world and our Lord. Accept all we have and are, O God, in the service of Jesus Christ and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*HYMN #475

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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