

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *O God Beyond All Praise* Holst

2 Cents a Meal Offering

*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)

Remind us, Lord, that you always keep your promises; and that they are kept in your time and not ours. We ask your blessing upon the gifts we have given this day...may they multiply to serve and care for our neighbors and community. Guide us in our lives, that others may see your love shine through us. May our words and our actions constantly point to you. May we serve you with our whole heart and being. Whatever the new year holds may we never lose sight of you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN #159 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* Bach

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, January 7

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: Communion & Two Cents a Meal offering
- 3:30 p.m. An Afternoon of Song to Warm the Soul Concert
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Tuesday, January 9

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Communion at Bentley Commons

Wednesday, January 10

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee

Thursday, January 11

- 10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, January 12

- 10:00 a.m. Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. The Welcome Table

OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY is Ellen Hawkins. Ms. Hawkins is Anghaarad's aunt and is the organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Columbus, Mississippi. She will also be accompanying Anghaarad this afternoon at Anghaarad's concert.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Anghaarad and Zane Dees in memory of their mothers, Laurie Hawkins Teague and Ann Dees.

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

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR JANUARY are Sam Miller & Anders Sunwall.

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 of the Lord
January 7, 2024

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 *We Three Kings* Hopkins

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Josie Miller, Liturgist

L: O Star-flinging God, whose light dances across eternity dazzle us into your presence this new year.

P: **Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.**

L: Awaken us to your presence, knit to the ordinary.

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

L: Stop us often, we pray with news that is good, with hope that holds, with truth that transforms with a Word!

P: **We come and worship on this day.**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Josie Miller, Liturgist

O Star-flinging God, may the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun of the day and the north star by night as we travel into the gift of a new year. May our worship this day be pleasing to you as a fragrant offering. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN #147 *The First Nowell*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Josie Miller, Liturgist

The coming of Christ was not, and is not, widely welcomed. Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness: the darkness of old superstitions and dogmas which refuse to fade away easily; the darkness of pride in the half truths that have masqueraded as wisdom; the darkness of entrenched evil that hates the light and tries to dispose of it; the darkness of apathy that cannot be bothered to open the shutters. Let us make our confession together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Josie Miller, Liturgist

Most holy and loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or willfulness often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal. Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others. Restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting in your grace we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Josie Miller, Liturgist

My friends, Epiphany is good news! The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us. Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners. In his name I declare that our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Rejoice the Lord is King! (Verse 1)*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CHILDREN'S SERMON Richard Goodman

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-9 Bible, page 844
Josie Miller, Lector

ANTHEM *Never* Layton
Savannah Sorrels, soloist

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

SERMON A Star! Anghaarad Teague Dees

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father,
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
In accordance to the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead;
And his kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

HYMN #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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 THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

DISTRIBUTION OF STAR WORDS