

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, March 10

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Children’s Choir rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:15pm Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 11

- 12:00 p.m. Care & Nurture Committee meets at Charley’s
- 5:45 p.m. STAR Homeschool Debate Club

Tuesday, March 12

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Communion at Summit Assisted Living
- 6:00 p.m. Communion at Bentley Commons
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee

Wednesday, March 13

- STAR Homeschool Group in building
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

Thursday, March 14

- 10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, March 16

- 10:00 a.m. to noon Garden planting

Communion at Bentley Commons, The Summit & Valley View

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at Bentley Commons (2nd Tuesday at 6pm) and Valley View (3rd Thursday at 3:00pm). We are also now serving communion at the Summit Assisted Living on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am. The residents at these places truly enjoy having folks visit with them during these short worship services. If you would like to join us, please let one of the pastors or the office know that you are coming.

Garden Work Day

This Saturday, March 16 will be planting day in the garden for our early vegetables. The plan is to plant up to 72 cabbage plants, 24 winter kale plants, 24 collard plants, romaine lettuce and Black Seed leaf lettuce. All are invited to help. Our rain date is March 23.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God by the Evers family in memory of John E. Evers, Sr.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH are Glenn Flint, Liz Huband, Josie Miller & Nicole Plucker.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR MARCH are Peggy Deyerle & Sam Miller.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Mish Johnson.

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



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!



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*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

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.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 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 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* Crueger

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Laura Robert, Liturgist

L: We have come invited by our host, the Good Shepherd.

P: The Good Shepherd guides us here, safely through the darkest valleys.

L: We are comforted by the Good Shepherd.

P: We walk in green pastures, we live in the Shepherd's care.

L: Beloved of God, the table has been prepared for us...goodness and mercy are overflowing...come for restoration, come for healing, come to the feast of love...

Pause, take a deep breath. (Pause for a few seconds)

We are never away from the love and mercy of God.

P: We shall be with God all of our days. Thanks be to God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Laura Robert, Liturgist

Gracious God, in love you open wide the doors and welcome us into your presence - saints and sinners alike. You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare - a feast of love and mercy for body and soul. May your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions as we worship together in your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Robert, Liturgist

In the midst of all that is dangerous and fearful. In the midst of our own failures and frailties, God sets a table before us and welcomes us. Confident in God's goodness and mercy let us confess our sin together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Laura Robert, Liturgist

Your generous creativity is beyond all our imagining, O God! You breathe the breath of life into us, your Spirit flows free, bringing new life in every place, your grace falls like rain on all creation. We confess that we prefer systems of earning our way into your favor. We understand transactions and fairness...we don't understand grace. We puff ourselves up when we feel that we have earned your love and mercy...we sit in judgment of those we feel do not measure up to your grace and love. To our chagrin, you insist there is nothing to be earned, nothing to be bought, nothing to be proud of...grace is freely given. All are welcome to the table, all are redeemed, all are loved. Open our hearts and forgive us. We pray in the name of Christ, who draws all people to himself. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Laura Robert, Liturgist

How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us. How much does God forgive us? As far as the east is from the west that is how far God removes our transgressions from us.

It is not by our own doing that we are forgiven, but by God's overflowing grace that we are claimed, forgiven and redeemed. Thanks be to God!

*CHORAL RESPONSE #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation (Verse 1)

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's Love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! 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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amanda Stanbery

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:1-10 Bible, page 235

Laura Robert, Lector

ANTHEM *Abide With Me* arr. Archer

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 Bible, page 617

SERMON Pause: At the Table Anghaarad Teague Dees

HYMN #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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 *I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies* arr. Smith

*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)

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

HYMN #224 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. Smith

*Please stand if able.