

**THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:**

**Sunday, March 17**

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

**Monday, March 18**

- 10:00 a.m. to noon Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I
- 5:45 p.m. STAR Homeschool Debate Club

**Tuesday, March 19**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Communion at Summit Assisted Living

**Wednesday, March 20**

- STAR Homeschool Group in building
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

**Thursday, March 21**

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study
- 3:00 p.m. Communion at Valley View
- 3:00 p.m. QMPC-UL-LMS Task Force
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**Saturday, March 23**

- 9:00 a.m. to noon Worker Bees in sanctuary

**Coffee with Pastor**

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I, 20584 Timberlake Road tomorrow morning from 10 am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe, tea or even breakfast and great conversation. This is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.

**Lunch Bunch...**

will head to Truss at 2204 Bedford Avenue. Join us this Wednesday, at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by tomorrow so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

**Worker Bees**

This Saturday, anyone who is available is invited to come help as we prepare the sanctuary for Easter. We will be doing a deep clean as well as waxing the wood pews and pulpits. Please join us!

**Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion**

Sign up in the Narthex to attend the meal on Thursday, March 28, 6:30pm.

**Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday March 30 at 10am**

Invite all children in your lives to attend. We need volunteers, snacks, candy and/or small prizes. Sign up in the Narthex.

**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 Sarah Robert.

**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  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* arr. Held

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Sara Curtis, Liturgist

L: We have come to worship this day, overwhelmed by our overfull  
calendars.

P: **May we slow down and feel the presence of God this morning.**

L: We tend to rush through our days...we need slowing down.

P: **Help us to wait for the Lord...**

L: Beloved of God, let's slow down...slow our breathing, attend to our hearts  
and listen for God whispering in our souls this day: Pause, take a deep  
breath. (Pause for a few seconds) Take another deep breath. And another  
breath. Let us pray:

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sara Curtis, Liturgist

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. We come before you in humility,  
recognizing that you are the God of all creation, the God of all history, the God  
of all time. We ask you to slow us down in the time of worship...help us to be  
patient in the assurance of your presence...may we be full of awe and wonder.  
You are the Keeper of time, the Author of salvation, the Alpha and Omega.  
Amen.

\*HYMN #357 *The Days Are Surely Coming*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist

If we are completely honest we like things our own way, on our own time  
schedule and we grow impatient when we are forced to wait. Sometimes, we  
must be reminded that God's time is not our time. The act of confession is an  
acknowledgment of our need for God's mercy and grace and patience in us.  
Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayer together:

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist

Holy God, we will be honest: waiting is really hard. We chase after instant  
gratification and when things don't happen fast enough for us, we lose  
patience, we lose hope and we don't always show our best selves. Too  
often we find ourselves caught between the selfishness of wanting to do  
whatever we want, when we want and how we want without regard for  
others, and wanting to be helpful, generous, and hopeful. Our fears and  
insecurities overtake our best judgement and too often lead us to be selfish,  
impatient creatures. We want to be holy, good, patient and loving. Maybe  
we need to be reminded that you see us simply as humans...beloved,  
flawed, trying, failing and succeeding. Remind us, you love us and shape us  
in the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sara Curtis, Liturgist

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we  
are included in that love. When it feels like God's timing is too slow, God  
has a way of showing up just when we need God's grace, mercy and hope.  
**We are forgiven! We are set free to go into the world and be loving,  
gracious, hopeful people of God. Amen!**

\*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 Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 Bible, page 899  
Sara Curtis, Lector

ANTHEM *Nearer, Still Nearer* arr. Martin  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 130 Bible, page 705

SERMON Pause: We Wait Anghaarad Teague Dees

HYMN #819 *Be Still, My Soul*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Iona Community

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,  
of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a  
woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he  
died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third  
day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere  
present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving  
breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection  
and eternal life. Amen.

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 *O Lamb of God* Mozart  
Helen Ford, soloist

\*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)

Faithful God, you put your gifts in our hands for such a time as this. Bless the  
gifts we commit to your work today for the relief and deliverance of your people  
in need. May we be your hands, feet, eyes, ears, and hearts for the world. We  
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN #661 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Wells

\*Please stand if able.