

**THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:**

**Sunday, March 9**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Missions Committee

**Tuesday, March 11**

- 9:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Communion at The Summit
- 6:00 p.m. Communion at Bentley Commons

**Wednesday, March 12**

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee meeting

**Thursday, March 13**

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Friday, March 14**

- 9:00 a.m. Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Lynchburg Retired Teachers General Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. The Welcome Table

**Saturday, February 15**

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

**Communion at The Summit Assisted Living, Bentley Commons & Willow Ridge**

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at The Summit (2nd Tuesday at 10am), Bentley Commons (2nd Tuesday at 6pm) and Willow Ridge formally Valley View (3rd Thursday at 3:00pm). The residents at these homes 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.

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

**OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH** are Hunter Evans & Kent Ford.

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

**OUR ACOLYTE TODAY** is Joseph 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!*

## 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  
First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025

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 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* arr. Ellson  
DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Michelle Lee, Liturgist  
God is calling us to a journey  
**From the moment God breathed life into us, we have been sent.**  
We have been sent into the wilderness, up the mountains, through the waters  
and into the world.  
**Sent with messages of peace, tidings of great joy, hope for the nations and love  
for all of God's creation.**  
Lent calls us to journey with Christ to the Cross and the Grave.  
**May God go with us as we step into the journey.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Michelle Lee, Liturgist  
We gather on the edge of Lent, looking out into the wilderness believing that it  
is always somewhere else...a foreign landscape, we have to actively enter, a  
place far removed from our daily living. Truthfully, the wilderness is wherever  
we are. Right now we stand in the wilderness in our everyday living. The  
liminality and struggle of the wilderness is an essential part of our faith. We  
cannot get to the joy of Easter without the uncomfortable, soul-searching  
wilderness of Lent and so with you, O Christ we are ready, send us into the  
wilderness. Amen.

\*HYMN #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Michelle Lee, Liturgist  
Right at the start of our sending into Lent, sin knocks us off track. Temptation  
leads us off the path that God sends us down. As we commit to follow Jesus  
on this journey, let us let go of the burdens of sin:

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Michelle Lee, Liturgist  
God of the wilderness, your Spirit leads us to face the truth, unprotected and  
exposed: our lack of repentance, our failure to believe the good news, our  
struggle to speak against injustice, our silence when faced with all oppressing  
and dehumanizing forces in the world. Give us courage to face and name  
our own temptations; and to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit.  
Through the mystery of absence and presence, come, fill us with your  
emptiness, your eternal silence. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Michelle Lee, Liturgist  
Today we place our feet on the road to Easter, and walk the way that Christ  
walked before us. A journey that led to our salvation and forgiveness. Come,  
friends, Christ is heading for Jerusalem.  
**Let us follow! And we give thanks to God, who forgives us and loves us and  
journeys with us. Amen!**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE #743  
*Step by Step*  
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.  
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amanda Stanbery  
DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD  
SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Bible, page 226  
Michelle Lee, Lector

ANTHEM *At the Name of Jesus* Waters  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:1-13 Bible, page 74

SERMON Sent Into the Wilderness Anghaarad Teague Dees

\*HYMN #166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967  
The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will  
and disrupts creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the  
world, stirring hope in all and preparing the world to receive its ultimate  
judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church  
applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identi-  
fy limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in  
the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks  
beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.  
"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more  
abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in  
Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. 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 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* arr. Livingston  
\*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)  
May the dust of the wilderness hold our footprints lovingly, may the journey into  
the wilderness unfold honestly, may our time in this wilderness be shaped by  
the One who is sending us not just into the wilderness but to the mountains and  
to the highways and byways and long-forgotten places. May all that has been  
given to us be received with gratitude and all that we have to share be freely  
given. We offer our gifts, our hearts, our lives to you this day and pray: "Send  
me, Lord...send me, fill me, lead me." We go with joy, confident that the love  
and mercy of God goes with us. Amen.

\*HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*BENEDICTION  
\*POSTLUDE *Living for Jesus* Peterson

\*Please stand if able.