

## THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

### Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship: Communion & Two Cents a Meal offering

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Committee meets

3:00 p.m. Handbell Choir meeting

### Tuesday, March 7

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

### Wednesday, March 8

STAR Homeschool Group meets downstairs

9:30 p.m. Garden preparation

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

6:00 p.m. Creative Spirit Night

### Thursday, March 9

12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

### Friday, March 10

10:00 a.m. Lynchburg Retired Teachers Association Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. The Welcome Table

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### Lenten Invitation

As a part of the Lenten Season this year, everyone will be invited to join one of our hosts for a meal and discussion on what it means to be the church whose beginnings began at the table. We have 3 opportunities left to eat a meal, fellowship with church family and reflect on the many ways Jesus invites us into community. Groups are limited to no more than 10 people...so you want to sign up early to guarantee a spot. All ages are welcome. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex and you can chose what meal time you prefer...we have lunch & dinner options.

### Prayer Stations

Each week during Lent a new prayer prompt will be placed in the Narthex. Be sure to stop by and allow these visual prompts to deepen your Lenten journey.

### Garden Preparation Begins this Week

Preparation work days for our garden site are this Wednesday, March 8 and Monday, March 13 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.. Our goal is to Rototiller the lower garden, place rows and drip hose in the lower garden, clean up the rest of the garden area, and rototiller and place drip hose in the raised garden where appropriate. We will also prepare the memorial garden with the Rototiller on those days. All are invited to come help!

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Kevin Jones and his family in memory of Ann Blake Jones.

**OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:** Glenn Flint, Liz Huband, Faith Jacob & Josie Miller.

**OUR ACOLYTE TODAY** is Joy Jacob.

**OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR MARCH** are Janet LaPrade & Jane Reynolds.

**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.

**ONLINE GIVING** now available! Scan this QR code or click the "Give Now" button on the front page of our website to go directly to our giving page.

## 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  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023

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 *Communion Morning* Blake

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ann Weems) Sara Curtis, Liturgist  
L: Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,  
P: **A time to let the events get up and walk around in us**  
L: A time to intensify our living unto Christ  
P: **A time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts**  
L: A time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or walk along the sea and listen to his word,  
P: **A time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us,**  
L: A time to ponder and a time to wonder. . .  
P: **Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!**

\*OPENING PRAYER Sara Curtis, Liturgist  
Draw us this day into fresh encounters with Jesus, O God. Let us not be afraid of questions and new opportunities. May we never forget the people welcomed: the greedy and the great, the bad and the good, the respected and the cheats, the lost and the outcast. Even when all around us seems callous and chaotic, may we never forget that Jesus welcomes us, transforms darkness into hope and brings life from a cross. Amen.

\*HYMN #395 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist  
For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist  
Holy God, Source of New Life...you invite us to follow Jesus into paths free of doubt, fear and denial. Yet we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus. We fear placing our trust in things beyond our control. We doubt that you can bring water to the dry places of our lives or replace our suffering with our joy. We are afraid to bring our questions in the light of day, so we hide them away in the darkness of our worries and insecurities. Help us to seek to leave behind our old ways and turn to you...heal us and lead us home. Amen.

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sara Curtis, Liturgist  
Know the love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ are with you, now and always. Know that there is nothing you can do that will separate you from God's love in Christ Jesus. There is no place you can go where God will not find you. You are God's beloved child. Know that You are forgiven when you forgive one another.

Thanks be to God, Christ's peace is with us now and always. Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE #581 *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Faith Jacob

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-4a Bible, page 12  
Sara Curtis, Lector

ANTHEM *At the Name of Jesus* Waters  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17 Bible, page 114

SERMON An Invitation: To Ask Questions Anghaarad Teague Dees

HYMN #515 *I Come with Joy*

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance* arr. Douglas

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)

Faithful Giver of Life, you have done great things for us. In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart. Help us open our hearts to others, that we may be ever more willing to offer our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed. Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen

HYMN #215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* arr. Ritter

\*Please stand if able.