

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labors, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. Amen.

**HYMN #104**      *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

**DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**      *The Lord Reigneth!*      *Glencannon*

**\*Please stand if able.**

**THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:**

**Sunday, November 27**

10:30 a.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. Zoom Session meeting

NO Youth Group

**Tuesday, November 29**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

**Wednesday, November 30**

9:00 a.m. STAR Academy  
11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer  
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home  
6:00 p.m. Creative Spirit Night

**Saturday, December 3**

10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser for Youth

**QMPC Holiday Bazaar Saturday December 3rd**

Come shop 10 am to 3 pm from local artisans and vendors for those one of a kind gifts while supporting the youth!

**2023 Flower Calendar**

There are some openings on the flower calendar for next year. If you are interested in providing flowers for worship next year and have not done so in the past, please contact the church office to find out what dates are available.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this Sunday are given by Phyllis & Bob Beilfus to the glory of God in loving memory of their parents, Frances & Jack Wood and Florence & Lester Beilfus.

**OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** Glenn Flint, Liz Huband, Steve Hubbard, and Faith Jacob.

**OUR LITURGIST & LECTOR TODAY** is Elizabeth Plucker.

**OUR ACOLYTE TODAY** is Olivia Evans.

**ELDERS ON DUTY FOR NOVEMBER:** Janet LaPrade and 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.

**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  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022

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 Savior of the Nations, Come arr. Manz

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
L: We wait in the darkness,  
P: **expectantly, longingly, anxiously, thoughtfully.**  
L: In the darkness of the womb  
P: **we have been nurtured and protected.**  
L: In the darkness of the womb  
P: **The Christ-child was made ready for the journey into light.**  
L: The day is near. And so we wait. We wait with hope. We wait for the coming of the Christ child.  
P: **We will light a candle in the darkness.**

\*HYMN #82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Stanbery family  
Advent means arrival...it speaks a beginning: "the beginning," it is the "once upon a time" remembrance of the story that began in the darkness of the night and revealed the Light of the world to all. We enter the season of Advent with promise and expectation, with our hopes high as we revel in the invitation to welcome the coming Christ. So here we go...Once upon a time when all was a void and nothingness there was God who created the heavens and earth and with God was the Light of the world...the Light that shines in the darkness and darkness does not overcome it. We testify to this Light as we light these candles each week and as we prepare for the coming of Christ...Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart, a longing people. This is our hope. The promise fulfilled in the story begun long ago. Light comes again and again into this world and we...we, tell the story again and again.

HYMN #97, v. 1 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night  
Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Let us pray:

Loving God, as we enter this Advent story again may we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. May we be a match to light the candle of hope for another. Slow us down in the busyness of this season to hear again the story of the good news of Advent: Christ is coming, Christ is always coming. Prepare our hearts to be a welcome place for Christ that we may walk in the Light of the World. May we go forth from this place in hope. Amen.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
We find it so easy to walk down the familiar roads of foolishness, turning our backs on those God would have us love, and ignoring the map God gives us. As we speak of our choices, let us open our hearts to the One who offers us the hope and grace we seek, even if we don't realize it.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
God of light and life, you set before us today the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness; of putting on the light of Christ; of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst in the person of Jesus Christ. As the people of God in this place, we know that a crucial part of our witness is in revealing Christ to the world through the way we love and care for another. Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us of the One who is to come. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us. Cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving our neighbor. May our lives radiate faith active in love, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
L: Open your eyes! The Light has come to all of us, to each of us. The Light of justice, the Light of love, the Light of life.  
P: **This Light is not just for us, so we will carry it to everyone we meet, as we travel down the different road of faith in our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen!**

CHORAL RESPONSE #130 *O Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*  
Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning.  
You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,  
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14 Bible, page 197  
Elizabeth Plucker, Lector  
ANTHEM *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Baldwin  
Chancel Choir  
SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:7-10 Bible, page 835  
SERMON Once Upon a Time Anghaarad Teague Dees

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #362 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

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 *Advent Meditation* arr. Eliot  
\*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.