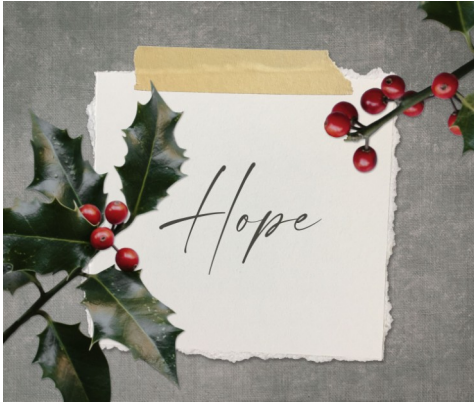


Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



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.

Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives

The Service for the Lord's Day;
First Sunday of Advent; November 28, 2021
Our Vocal Leaders are Jim Glass & Gail Midkiff.

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.

WELCOME

Anghaarad Teague Dees

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Thomas

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Doris Daniel & Phyllis Webb

Week One: Hope

- One: After years of silence the Lord spoke to Zechariah: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord."

Silence

- One: First the silence...then a whisper.
- Another: First the shadows...then a spark.

All: Light!

- One: One voice murmuring, "Take courage."
- Another: One light reassuring "Do not be afraid."

All: Hope!

light the first advent candle

- One: And so a hopeful Zechariah sang: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

All: A spark of hope lights the way—clearing our vision to see the promises fulfilled, opening our ears to the good news and renewing our minds to recognize God's glory in our midst. Amen.

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

L: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

P: **We trust the Lord's goodness. We rely on his mercy. We find shelter in his steadfast love.**

L: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

P: **We walk in the Lord's way. We follow his example of love.**

L: Lord, we wait for your salvation. We wait for your leading. We wait for your coming.

*HYMN #104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?

Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy,

a lamp within my breast,

to do in spirit lowly

all that may please you best.

2 Love caused your incarnation;

love brought you down to me;

your thirst for my salvation

procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling,

that led you to embrace

in love, all loves excelling,

our lost and fallen race.

3 You come, O Lord, with gladness,

in mercy and goodwill,

to bring an end to sadness

and bid our fears be still.

In patient expectation

we live for that great day

when your renewed creation

your glory shall display.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

In this Advent season of waiting, we recognize the ways in which we have failed to keep our covenant promises and so we bring to the throne of grace our confession this day:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

Lord, forget our sins. Remember us in your love even when we fail to love our neighbor. Remember us in your grace even when we are not gracious with one another. Remember us in your peace even when we don't always seek the ways of peace. Remember us as you remember your people everywhere. Help us follow where you lead us as we wait for your coming. In your name we pray. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

The good news of Advent is that Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death, that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new. Know that you are forgiven and give thanks. **Thanks be to God.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Anghaarad Teague Dees

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Michael Whorley, Lector

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

ANTHEM

Jesus, the Light of the World

Hymn #127

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

SERMON

Song of Days

Anghaarad Teague Dees

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, page 35

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 #357

The Days Are Surely Coming

The days are surely coming,
says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise:
salvation come to birth
My righteousness and justice
will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.

The days are surely coming.
Says Christ, the promised one,
when you will read my warning
In moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble,

Stand up and do not fear,
for I am your redeemer
and I am drawing near
The days are surely coming,
When we will know at last
The fullness of God's presence,
God's promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice
will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered
by God's almighty hand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, page 35

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

In this Advent season of waiting we dedicate our gifts and our lives to the one who comes. Guide us through this season with quiet, glad anticipation. Give us a spirit of reflection, patience with each other and hearts brimming with thanks. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

1. Light dawn on a weary world
When eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawn on a weary world:
The promised day to justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;
The dry lands, gush with spring;
The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out with joy,
And be led forth in peace,
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2. Love grows in a weary world
When hungry hearts find bread
And children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world;
The promised feast of plenty comes. Refrain

3. Hope blooms in a weary world
When creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
The promised green of Eden comes. Refrain

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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