The Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

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** Julia Bryan, Liturgist
Praise the Lord…with all that is within us, bless God's holy name.
Praise the Lord!
We are mortals, our days are like grass. They flourish like a flower in the field but when the wind passes over it…it is gone.
But the steadfast love of God endures forever.
Bless the Lord, for all of God's works and give thanks.
Praise the Lord! God's steadfast love endures forever!

***OPENING PRAYER** Julia Bryan, Liturgist
We come, Eternal God to praise you, with all that is within us—body, emotions, mind, and will. We come to dedicate to you all that we have—time, talent, and treasure. We come grounded in gratitude for all that you have done for us—you fill us with good and beautiful things, satisfy our needs and restore our strength. We come, singing songs with grateful hearts, offering our joyful praise. Amen.

***HYMN #643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Julia Bryan, Liturgist
We possess nothing, not even ourselves. We are but stewards for our Creator and all that we have is a gift from God…some days we forget this and do not show appreciation and gratitude for all that God has done for us. Let us now confess our falling short:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Julia Bryan, Liturgist
Lord, forgive us our selfishness. We think that our security lies in our own hands, but that is only an illusion. Help us to seek you and your kingdom. Forgive us for thinking that this life is about getting more stuff than our neighbors have. May we honor you with our treasures and use it for good. Our homes, cars, appliances, and toys do not make life worth living—only you do. Gracious God, enable us to be good stewards of all your blessings. Help us to use our time, talents, and resources wisely and to your glory. Change our orientation from being getters to being givers, so that we might know the joy of your blessed life. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Julia Bryan, Liturgist
Our lives are not our own. We cannot save ourselves…but we have been graciously saved by our Loving God. My friends, know that salvation is given to us all this day.
Praise be to God, may we live not for ourselves, but for you, Jesus. Alleluia Amen!

***CHORAL RESPONSE #394** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (v.4)*

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

TIME WITH CHILDREN Steve Hubbard

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13 Bible, page 34
Julia Bryan, Lector

ANTHEM *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Hayes
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 2:1-7 Bible, page 245

SERMON Grounded in Gratitude Anghaarad Teague Dees

LITANY OF DEDICATION
The gifts of God are all around us; in full grocery bags and crunchy leaves
In good coffee and warm socks and enough to go around.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The gifts of God are right beside us; in a warm hello in the pew or in a chat window.
In joyful music that fills this room, in all the people who gather to form this beloved church.
Praise God, all creatures high and low!

The gifts of God are here within us; in the peace that passes understanding. In the skills that keep our corner of the world spinning—in God's amazing, saving, life-changing love that spills out of our hearts like water from a waterfall.
Praise God above and below!

In this next year, may we be gift-givers; giving to the world around us.
Alongside the church beside us, in honor of the spirit within us.
May all this work and all this giving become an expression of our joy in Christ, our gratitude to God and our hopefulness in the work of the Spirit…we commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We dedicate these pledges to the building of your kingdom and ask that you would bless them to the work of your church. May they multiply in faith, hope, and love.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

HYMN #697 *Take My Life*
(As the hymn is sung, you are invited to come forward and bring your pledge card.)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostle's 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.

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 *Rest on Us* Lake
Youth Choir

***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 THANKSGIVING

***HYMN #714** *God of the Fertile Fields*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Broughton

***Please stand if able.**

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, November 8
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 9
10:00 a.m. Art Class

Tuesday, November 10
9:00 a.m. Online Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Communion at The Summit
6:00 p.m. Communion at Bentley Commons

Wednesday, November 11
11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

Thursday, November 12
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, November 13
6:00 p.m. Welcome Table

Saturday, November 14
1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Kathy Beatrice

Stewardship Dedication is today. If you need a pledge card, please ask an usher.

Communion Services this Week
Please consider joining Richard at The Summit or Bentley Commons this Tuesday for a short service and communion. The residents there appreciate visitors.

Welcome Table on Friday
Our Potluck Dinner and Hymn Sing is this Friday in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Bring a dish to share and join the fun!

Poinsettia Order Forms Available
The order forms to order a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent Season are available on the narthex table. The flowers are once again $12 each.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER are Zane Dees & Hunter Evans.

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

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Ella 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.

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Grounded in Gratitude

Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. Colossians 2:7

Stewardship 2026

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.

"Through your generosity in time, talent and treasure it makes our ministry possible." Kent Ford