

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, September 10

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Rally Day Lunch

Monday, September 11

- 8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

- STAR Homeschool Group meets downstairs
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. After Hours at Bootleggers (50 13th Street, downtown)
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee meets

Thursday, September 14

- 8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance
- 10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 15

- 6:00 p.m. The welcome Table Potluck Dinner and Sing

Rally Day Lunch after Worship Today

Plan on staying after worship today for a Pot Luck lunch and hear stories from some of our long-time members about how life at Quaker and in Lynchburg has changed through the decades.

After Hours This Week!

Join Anghaarad for a beverage and conversation this Wednesday evening, 5:30 pm at Bootleggers (50 13th Street, downtown).

The Welcome Table

All are invited to join us this Friday evening for a Pot Luck dinner and sing. Bring a dish or two to share with the group and enjoy fellowship and Richard leading us in singing a variety of old hymns and songs.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given in glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn Womack's parents, Thomas W. & Madeline R. Cyrus, Carolyn's brother Bruce Cyrus and Reuben Womack's parents, James & Josephine Womack.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Allie Wood.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER are Peggy Deyerle, Jane Reynolds, Anders Sunwall, and Joan Woodroof.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER are Stanley Miller and Gracie Lanier.

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



*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.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees
ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES 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 Again* arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Nicole Plucker, Liturgist
L: Like the psalmist,
P: **we worship with faithfulness and longing.**
L: God, give us understanding;
P: **Lead us on your paths;**
L: Turn our hearts to love;
P: **Turn our eyes to truth;**
L: Confirm your promise of life—
P: **abundant and eternal life.**
L: May our worship be your praise.
P: **May our lives be holy offerings.**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Nicole Plucker, Liturgist
God of our Ancestors, we give thanks for the stories we have in Scripture, stories passed down to us through word and song, through geography and archaeology, in myth and legend. We thank you for the stories shared to us by those who have gone before us. Guide us in how we shape these stories to the next generation, so that they may learn and grow. May we not forget those who have walked before us, but may we trust you in moving forward on the storied path of your people. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

CALL TO CONFESSION Nicole Plucker, Liturgist
We are fearful people...throughout history we have made choices based on fear and not on grace. Our God understands that about us, and yet continues to call us back to love, back to grace, back to peace. As we confess our sin together, may we remember that God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be the loving servants you created us to be. You created us to receive your blessing in order to share your blessings with others. You created us to receive your grace in order to show your grace with others. But, we act as if we might run out of blessings, we might run out of grace, we might run out of your love. And so we hoard up what we have received from you forgetting that you intend for us to share and celebrate. On this day, remind us of the opportunity you always hold before us to do something new...something different...something creative...something restoring. Help us to be more gracious, more loving and more like the people you have called us to be.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Nicole Plucker, Liturgist
Friends, the good news is this: love is from God, and we are loved by God. God sent Christ into the world so that we might truly understand how much God loves us. God loves you. God loves us, and nothing anyone has done or will do, and nothing we have done or will do can separate us from the Love in Christ.

In Christ we are forgiven, loved, and freed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Sing Glory to the Name of God (v.1)*

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TIME WITH CHILDREN Lilly Wood

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:15-20 Bible, page 24
Nicole Plucker, Lector

ANTHEM *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Wilberg
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14 Bible, page 197

SERMON *Love is Always in Fashion* Anghaarad Teague Dees

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.

HYMN #300 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Right Side: Who are you?

Left Side: *I am a child of God.*

Right Side: What does it mean to be a child of God?

Left Side: *That I belong to God, who loves me.*

Left Side: *What makes you a child of God?*

Right Side: Grace - God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Left Side: *Don't you have to be good for God to love you?*

Right Side: No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

PASTOR: HOW DO YOU THANK GOD FOR THIS GIFT OF LOVE?

All: **I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

PASTOR: HOW DO YOU LOVE GOD?

All: **By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. James

*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)

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these gifts of our lives and labors for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail; and let your people be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in. May we shine the light of your love in this neighborhood, this city, the land, this world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN #853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *God of Our Fathers* arr. Mansfield

*Please stand if able.