

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Given for You* Blake

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

Loving God, you do not withhold any good thing from your people. You love us with abundance and grace. May these gifts be a reflection of your grace and an offering of our love for the healing and restoration of all people. We give ourselves to you for Jesus' sake. Amen.

HYMN #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *The Lord Reigneth* Smith

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth/Parent Bingo & Planning

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, February 5

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 6

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Helen Ford in loving memory of her parents, Kiah T. & Helen Ford and her brother, Dr. Charles W. Ford.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY are Peggy Deyerle & Raye Reynolds.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY are Larry Bowers, Janet LaPrade, Valerie Rogers & Skip Wodke.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Hannah Perkins.

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 are available from the ushers.

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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

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
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025

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 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* Schumann

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Alex Haney, Liturgist
Christ of the North (everyone turn towards Fort Ave)
(Silence)
Christ of the East (everyone turn towards Quaker Parkway)
(Silence)
Christ of the West (everyone turn towards the parking lot)
(Silence)
Christ of the South (everyone turn towards the Narthex)
(Silence)
Christ Shine upon us
We turn ourselves to you hoping and praying for peace and life to dispel the shadows of grief and despair.
May faith, hope, and most of all love abide in us as we gather to worship this day.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Alex Haney, Liturgist
Lover and Creator of us all, your love is beyond all we can tell, yet we know that you are here with us, and that you care for every detail of our lives. We offer you hearts filled with gratitude. We praise you that your love reaches us in our struggles and in our joys...in our sorrows and in our disappointments. In wonder and love we worship you. Amen!

*HYMN #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Alex Haney, Liturgist
Whatever gifts we bring...if we do not love, even our most precious talents are as nothing. For when we have lived as if love is fleeting then we miss the Truth. Before God, with the people of God, let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God's love. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Alex Haney, Liturgist
Loving and Merciful God hear the confessions of our hearts and our realities:

Love is patient and kind and yet we always seem to be in a bit of a hurry. Love doesn't insist on its own way but we find ourselves inconsiderate of those around us, only thinking of ourselves. Love is neither envious or resentful and yet we find ourselves jealous and spiteful far too often. Love is hopeful, enduring, faithful and beyond our ability to confine and control it because love comes from you, O God...you are love and those who abide in love abide in you. Forgive us when we have not lived out your love...when we have thought, spoken, and acted in childish ways that do not show mercy to others. Draw us into your embrace, that we may abide in faith, hope, and love. Amen .

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Alex Haney, Liturgist
Friends, hear this Good News: though it feels like we see dimly as through a tinted window, Love is clearing the way for us to know God just as fully as God knows us. And despite our shortcomings, God still loves us.
We will live the Good News; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #435
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,

And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Alex Haney

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:21-30 Bible, page 75

Alex Haney, Lector

ANTHEM *No Greater Gift* Schram

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Bible, page 212

SERMON Love, Love, Love Anghaarad Teague Dees

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

That this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

in the way we love one another

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit

and blessing to one another

together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ

that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and

comforting one another

That we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness, pray

together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all

which may threaten or hinder this unity.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be the honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN #494 (v. 1,3,5) *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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