

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

God of extravagant love, may your generous Spirit flow into our lives. At times it feels like what we have to offer is too small and not nearly enough. We must be reminded that we share this journey with others. May these gifts we offer be multiplied to do your work in this world. Teach us to love with abandon, trusting that when we step into the ocean of your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. Amen.

**\*HYMN #756** *O God of Every Nation*

**DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *The Rock of Salvation* Paxton

**\*Please stand if able.**

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**THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:**

**Sunday, February 23**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

**Tuesday, February 25**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 26**

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 27**

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Quaker to Host the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks**

Thanks to the winter storms this past week, the presbytery meeting had to be postponed and the original host church was unavailable for the make up date, March 6. We need a bevy of volunteers to show our presbytery siblings Quaker hospitality. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**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 Joy Jacob.

**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



*Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!*



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*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.

The Service for the Lord's Day  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
February 23, 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 *Savior Again* arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Skip Wodke, Liturgist  
Love is an all or nothing proposition. Only by loving our enemies as well as our friends do we live as children of the Most High.  
**We have come to follow Jesus. Let us love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.**  
Let us be known as disciples of Christ  
**We will be merciful, even as our God is merciful.**  
Let us be known by our love.  
**We will be loving, even when it is hard.**  
Come let us worship together!

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Skip Wodke, Liturgist  
Creator God, this is the day that you have made! This is the day you have called holy: a sabbath day, a rest day, a time out. This is the day for rejoicing for we rest in the presence of God! Make us glad this morning. Remove from us our distractions, our heart-worries, our to-do lists, our should-haves, our stresses and grievances. Fill our hearts with peace, our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy! Fill us to brimming and overflowing with the joy of the Lord, for we are glad to be together in the House of the Lord! Amen.

\*HYMN #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Skip Wodke, Liturgist  
Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another." If we are being perfectly honest we would acknowledge how hard that commandment is to keep. Let us now approach the throne of grace with open hearts confessing all the ways we do not live out this commandment to love:

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Skip Wodke, Liturgist  
Loving God, we have not loved you with all our strength, heart and mind. And we struggle daily to love others as you have commanded us to love. You have instructed us to love our enemies and we will confess that it is too hard. We would rather hold grudges. We would rather seek revenge. We would rather cling to our prejudices. Teach us your ways of hope, faith and forgiveness that we might halt the cycles of violence, discord, and hatred. Forgive us. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Skip Wodke, Liturgist  
The Good News is that we are forgiven, may we go now turning grudges into grace. Turning fractures into forgiveness and hardness into hearts broken open by love.  
**May we be ambassadors of grace, love, and peace. Thanks be to God for his mercy. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE #435  
*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (v.1)*

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Grace Jacob

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 37:1-11 Bible, page 628  
Skip Wodke, Lector

ANTHEM *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Temple  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:27-38 Bible, page 78

SERMON Clinging to Grudges Anghaarad Teague Dees

\*HYMN #445 *God, How Can We Forgive*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of Belhar  
We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged.

God calls the church to follow God in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed, and gives bread to the hungry. God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind. God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly. God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

The church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and glory for ever and ever. 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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Livingston, Jr.  
\*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.