

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

We rejoice in you, O God, all the earth rejoices and sings glory to your name; we praise you for your great salvation and celebrate the merciful love that reconciles us to you. We dedicate these earthly things to your use, that they and all the world might shine with your light. We rejoice and celebrate the gift of life abundant in your holy name. Amen.

HYMN #79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *What Star Is This?* arr. Ritter

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, January 7

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service & Reception for Chuck McKeag

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, January 11

9:00 a.m. to noon Worker Bees

Worker Bees this Saturday

Plan on joining us this Saturday from 9am to noon as we clean the chairs in the library and change light bulbs around the building.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY are Sam Miller & Anders Sunwall.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY are Peggy Deyerle, Sally Sease, Anders Sunwall & Joan Woodroof.

OUR ACOLYTES 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



*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.



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The Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Christmas
January 5, 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 *We Three Kings* arr. Scott

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Josie Miller, Liturgist
O Star-flinging God, whose light dances across eternity,
dazzle us into your presence this new year.
Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.
Awaken us to your presence, knit to the ordinary.
Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.
Bring us into a deeper knowledge of you
as we worship and seek you on this day.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Josie Miller, Liturgist
Still a light shines, and the darkness does not overcome it. Here in this place we are reminded again and again that Christ is revealed in the ordinariness of life - anywhere that brokenness leads to wholeness, anywhere where people gather to claim the goodness and peace you bring us. May we feel blessed in our worship this day and strengthened to be shine your light into the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN #145 *What Child Is This*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Josie Miller, Liturgist
Even in the midst of great joy and celebration, we know that our lives do not always reflect God's intentions. Let us then bravely confess to God together in prayer the things that keep us hurting and broken:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Josie Miller, Liturgist
Light of the World, you call us to come and see, and then to go and tell. So often, we are looking the other way - away from your image shining in the face of another, away from your people in need, away from the things we would rather not see. So often our words are not of grace, justice, love, and peace, but rather words of hurt, exclusion, and fear. Forgive us for praying for vision while closing our eyes tightly shut. Forgive us for keeping silent, and for speaking our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for overlooking you at work in our world. Give us courage to testify to your good works. Give us grace to admit our shortcomings and still point to you. You call us to come and see, then go and tell. Help us to follow in faith. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Josie Miller, Liturgist
Behold and believe in the wondrous power and love of God!
It is poured out for you and for God's beloved world. No one has wandered so far down other paths that God cannot find them...no one is beyond God's love and reach.
Rejoice in this good news, for it is given especially to you.
We rejoice as we proclaim we are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #582
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

CONFIRMATION AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
PRESENTATION
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

PROFESSION OF FAITH
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' 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.

THE BAPTISM
Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE BLESSING OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED
DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 Bible, page 2
Josie Miller, Lector

ANTHEM *What Shall I Bring to the Lord?* arr. Lau
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:7-14 Bible, page 898

SERMON A Hand Full of Stars Anghaarad Teague Dees

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN #150 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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

DISTRIBUTION OF EPIPHANY STARS

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *To Follow the Star* Ritter

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.