THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship: Congregational meeting to elect Nominating Committee 3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal 5:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship Kickoff Tuesday, September 10 8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance 10:00 a.m. Communion at The Summit 6:00 p.m. Communion at Bentley Commons Wednesday, September 11 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home 6:30 p.m. Property Committee Thursday, September 12 10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group 5:30 p.m. Endowment Committee 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal Friday, September 13 8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance 6:30 p.m. The Welcome Table

Youth Fellowship Kickoff This Evening

All youth 6th grade through 12th grade are invited, along with their parents, to join us this evening at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall for our Youth Fellowship Kickoff. There will be pizza, games and we will plan this year's activities so bring your calendars with you! See you tonight!

Communion at Bentley Commons, The Summit & Valley View

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at The Summit Assisted Living (this Tuesday at 10am) and Bentley Commons (this Tuesday at 6pm). The residents at these places truly enjoy having folks visit with them during these short worship services. If you would like to join us, please let one of the pastors or the office know that you are coming.

The Welcome Table

All are invited to join us on the second Friday evening of every month for our Welcome Table Potluck Dinner and Hymn Sing. Bring a dish or two to share and enjoy dinner and community with the group. Following dinner, Richard leads everyone in singing favorite old hymns and standards.

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 ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER are Anders Sunwall & Gabe Trent.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER are Susie Hubbard. Sally Sease, Anders Sunwall & Joan Woodroof.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Olivia Evans.

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!

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.

The Service for the Lord's Day Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2024

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

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr. Davis

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Robert, Liturgist

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is in God, creator of heaven and earth, who is forever faithful;

seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;

lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.

The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow;

but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.

The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Laura Robert, Liturgist God, source of loving kindness and strength, we worship you. Jesus, foundation of our faith, we worship you. Holy Spirit, ground of our very being, we worship you. Amen.

*HYMN #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Laura Robert, Liturgist

We know we shouldn't do it...we know it is wrong, but we distinguish between "us" and "them." We know that we have nothing to fear, but we turn aside from God's strong love and allow fear to overtake us. Let us confess together all we have done to hurt others:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We lament all that is broken in our lives and ask you, O God to forgive us.

Laura Robert, Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we make far too many distinctions, treating those who look and act different than us with little respect and disdain. Forgive us when we allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power and ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty and rejection. We are guilty of tuning out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your words of mercy and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Laura Robert, Liturgist

My friends, hear the Good News, we have been forgiven and freed to go from here with joy and confidence to serve the Lord.

We are freed to begin anew through God's everlasting mercy and love. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #613

How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name: Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Amanda Stanbery

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 35:1-10	Bible, page 811
	Laura Robert, Lector	
ANTHEM		Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 7:31-37	Bible, page 52
SERMON	Be Opened	Anghaarad Teague Dees
*HYMN #772	Live Into Hope	

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison) Generous God, here are our gifts of time; here are our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money...building stones for your Kingdom, awaiting your guidance, shaping and building within your loving purpose. May we be your light shining in this world as we reflect more deeming your justice and joy in the life of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. *HYMN #649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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

Still. Still With Thee

Mendelssohn/Kendall

Hvmn #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.

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

The Master Has Called Us

arr. Ritter