

Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship December 24, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Welcome

***Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” # 41**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Ruth Pershing: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep; And God said, ‘Let there be light;’ and there was light.” We light the Candle of Hope. (Genesis 1:1-3)

Anita Woods: “God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.” We light the Candle of Preparation. (First John 1:5b-7a)

Judy Galey: “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” We light the Candle of Joy. (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Donna Harney: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” We light the Candle of Peace. (John 1:1, 4-5)

Rita Whisnant: “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.” We light the Christ Candle. (Revelation 21:1, 22-23)

Special Music – Phillip Pershing, guitar
“Away in Manger”
“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”
“Silent Night”

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20
Sermon: “We Are Playing with Fire”¹

***Hymn: “What Child Is This” # 53**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

A Special Poem

Candle lighting

***Hymn: “Silent Night” (insert)**

***Charge and Benediction**

¹ This sermon is inspired and partially adapted from a sermon by Rev. Vic Pentz, who served Peachtree Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, GA for 16 years.

Welcome Visitors, we invite you to sign our guest register located on the book stand to the right before you enter the sanctuary. If you would like to join this congregation, please speak with Pastor Yvonne Thurmond after the service.

A Christmas Blessing for You

Our gift to you is not something that can be put into a box or be tied with pretty ribbons. It is something so precious no money can buy it, so rare no store in the world can sell it, so unique that we can only give it. There are no complicated directions to put it together. It is so simple a child can use it. In fact, it was a Baby who first gave it to us. Our Christmas gift to you is our love and the love of the Christ Child. May that love make your Christmas a truly blessed one.

Yvonne M. Thurmond, Pastor – 828-544-5076 (home)
Mary Lou Furr, Pianist and Choir Director
Rachel Marler, Organist

The Session:

Class of 2019
Lelia Bruder
Kathy Staton

Class of 2020
Judy Gale
Anita Woods

Class of 2021
Ann Dietz
Grace Glen
Ruth Pershing

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