

**Order of Worship**  
**August 30, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Homecoming Celebration &**  
**New Building Dedication**

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (Psalms 122:1 & 150:1-2 & 4-5)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the LORD. Let us worship the LORD with gladness and come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**People: Let us give thanks to God and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" # 210

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**God of the ages, you call us to walk seemingly impossible paths in our lives; but we often find ourselves stuck in the mud, thinking about our own weaknesses. You call us to trust you with our unknown future; but we prefer to stay with what we can see and understand. You call us to live by faith in you; but we find it difficult to live beyond our own abilities. Forgive us Lord. Send your Holy Spirit to us and empower us to live more faithfully as your chosen people, trusting in your love and care for us each and every day. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Confession Response: "**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**" # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Special Music from Our Children & Children's Sermon

Favorite Hymn Medley: **Please see the insert**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 78:1-4, 13-16 and 23-24  
Hebrews 12:1-3

Sermon: "How Did We Get Here"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" # 322

**Eucharist**

Invitation to the Table

May the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**Dedication of the New Educational/Fellowship Hall**



Special Words from Rich Bruder, oversight elder for the building project and past chairperson for the Building Committee

Litany of Dedication:

Leader: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, Eternal God, forever and ever.

**People: Blessed be the Lord, our God, who does wondrous things right before our eyes and blessed be his glorious name forever.**

Leader: We are grateful, Loving God, that you have richly blessed us with the resources to build this new educational and fellowship hall.

**People: We are grateful to be your people in this place, as members of the congregation of Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church and as friends and family of those who worship here.**

Leader: When we gather in our new building to feast upon your word through Bible study, Christian education events, or worship;

**People: May we do so with open hearts and open minds, ready to learn and grow as your people.**

Leader: When we gather there to feast upon the bounty of your creation in fellowship with each other and with guests from the community;

**People: May we do so with humble hearts and humble minds, accepting one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Leader: When we gather there to do the business of your church in this place;

**People: May we do so with reliance upon you to lead us and guide us to the best decisions for this congregation.**

Leader: When we gather there to celebrate and remember the lives of those who have gone before us into the glory of your presence;

**People: May we do so with thanksgiving and faith, that in Christ we will join them in the resurrection to come.**

Leader: And when we invite others to use this new facility for their business and fellowship purposes,  
**People: May we do so with hospitality and trust that you are working through us to reach out to a world in need.**

**All: Almighty God, whom the heavens cannot contain, but whose will is to dwell among us in the person of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate to your honor and glory, our new educational and fellowship building. And we rededicate to you our lives, our time, our talents, and our financial resources for the advancement of your kingdom in this world. Amen.**

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" # 555

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: (sung to the tune of) # 540  
**"God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again."**



Special thanks to Circle # 1 for the beautiful flowers which were placed on the tables in the new building.

**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.

Elder on Call this week: Rachel Marler - [REDACTED]

### Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 03<sup>rd</sup> – Bible study, pastor's home @ 12:30

### Ministry with the Children

This week – Darleen Caputo  
Next week (September 06<sup>th</sup>) – Heather Kramer

Some information for today's sermon came from:  
"A Preliminary History of the Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church: 1774-1989" by Jim Moore

"Founded on the Rock: A History of Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church" by Richard Morgan, 2003

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

### The Session:

Class of 2015  
Donna Harney  
Rachel Marler  
James Sanford

Class of 2016  
Rich Bruder  
Bennett Ross

Class of 2017  
Ann Dietz  
Judy Galey

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