



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
November 28, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



Presider – Nikki Nahmens Gage

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

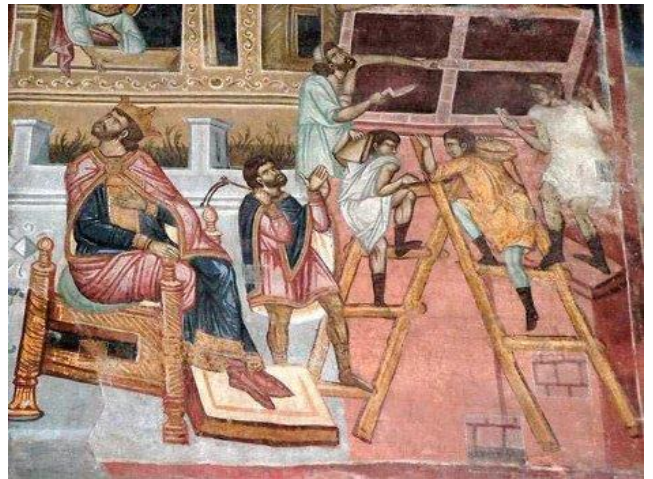
Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Luke 12:13-34

Message - "You Have No Time but This Present Time" – Micah Bales

Open Worship

Christ is ministering to us in the silence. Nothing needs to be said, unless there is a clear leading to speak. After a period of centering down, if you feel a leading to speak, please be obedient to it:



Speak clearly, loudly, and succinctly. Allow time for a message to settle before another message is offered.

Hymn - Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia
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Where two or three are gathered in my name
There am I in their midst,
And whatsoever ye shall ask I will do.
Allelu Alleluia."

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Welcome – Announcements- Offering

God is the Great Giver and has given much to us. The contributions you make are vital to the life of the meeting. Please consider offerings through mail or the Donate Now button on the church's website.

Welcome

We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation. We trust that your heart may be warmed by the Lord's Presence as we worship together. If you have prayer needs or spiritual concerns, please call or email the pastors, Micah Bales and Faith Kelley, or any member of Ministry and Council.

Church Announcements

Sermon by Phone - Listen to the sermon each week on the website or our sermon by phone service. To listen to the sermon on your phone, **call 510-201-9143** at any time to hear each week's message. New sermons are uploaded on Sunday afternoons.

Bible Study starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. We will be discussing the book "A Quaker Prayer Life" by David Johnson.

Becoming More Generous through Creative Giving Tools: An Everence and FUM Webinar will be held Thursday December 9 at 12-1:30 PM Pacific. Learn how to act creatively and more fully on our desires to give generously out of what God is provided for us. [Register here](#) by Monday, December 6.

What does it mean to live our faith in public? What's the connection between Quaker leadership and ministry? These are just some of the questions we'll discuss in our final **Quaker Changemaker event of 2021**, when FCNL Director of Quaker Leadership Alicia McBride is in conversation with outgoing General Secretary Diane Randall. [Register to join us online on Weds. Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. EST.](#) Their discussion will cover how Diane came to Quakerism and to FCNL, her leading to public ministry as the head of the organization, and her experiences of living into Quaker faith and practice while serving as the general secretary of FCNL for the last decade. Please join us to reflect and add your perspectives on living one's faith in the world. [Register now!](#)

Christmas Eve Service- December 24 at 5:00 PM. In person at the meeting house and online on Zoom. Join us for a time of singing, reading of the Christmas story and welcoming the Christ child.

Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org and follow us on Facebook.

Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church November 28, 2021

- We **thank you that your mercy and steadfast love endure**, strengthening our hearts and overcoming our fears. We trust that you will remove every obstacle.
- **that keeps us from being the body of Christ.**
- We pray for **loved ones** in our circles of care: All those diagnosed with, suffering from, or recovering from serious illnesses including **Liz's friend Allie, Dianna's friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Veneita Porter, Donna Bales, Faith K's cousin Ben, Faith Jansen Brewer and Stanley Chagala Ngesa.**
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Charles Blue, Joe Williams, and Janice Wells.**
- **We pray for all those who are sick with Covid around the world.** May the vaccine be distributed more quickly and equitably. Give us wisdom and peace as we begin to return to some of our before-time routines. Protect those who can't get vaccinated from infection, particularly from the Delta strain. We particularly pray for **Faith's cousin Vicki.**
- We ask for your presence and peace to **knit us together as a community.** May we remember that you are our shepherd and we are your sheep. Help us listen to your voice. Help us to care for each other with your patience and love.
- We pray for all of us who are **suffering from mental illness**- depression, anxiety, and OCD. Please, provide healing and comfort. Give us the help that we need to find a greater sense of peace.

- We pray for our **Native American brothers and sisters**. May they be able to find justice in our country which has oppressed and sidelined them. Show us how to learn and support them when we are called to. Open our eyes to the world of reconciliation and righteousness you envision for us all.
- We pray for **all who are grieving today**. Those for whom the holidays will be particularly hard this year because of the loss of a loved one. May they feel your loving presence in the midst of their sadness and loss.
- Loving Creator, you call us to rejoice in your promise of the birth that is to come, but we are afraid. You invite us into a world where justice and righteousness prevail, but we turn away in fear. We long for an easy path into your promised world, but you warn us that there is no easy way. **Birth new life within us, that we may abide in your perfect love** — the love that casts out fear.

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