

Statements of Our Faith

We are friends of Jesus
 "You are my friends," Jesus said, "if you do what I command you." Then he commanded us to love one another.

Our life is in Christ
 There is one, Christ Jesus, who speaks to our condition, and he came to teach people himself.

Christ is a living presence
 The Bible reveals that our inward experiences are the true reality of Christ's presence. Essential baptism is that of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the source of truth
 Our faith is grounded in our worshiping community and in our own spiritual pilgrimage. Truth is a matter of revelation by God.

Life is sacred
 We take seriously the teachings of Jesus Christ regarding peace and loving all people, including one's neighbors and enemies.

Integrity is a way of living
 Each day we seek to live in a way that is consistent with the teachings of Jesus.

All are ministers
 Ministry takes many forms. Each one of us is expected to exercise the responsibilities and privileges of membership in individual ministries.

—First Friends
 Discernment Process

Upcoming Events

2020

Sunday, 20th.
 10:30 am Online Worship Service



Monday, 21st.

Tuesday, 22nd
 6:30 pm Administrative Committee

Wednesday, 23rd.

Thursday, 24th.
 Office Closed
 5:30 pm Online Christmas Eve Service



Friday, 25th.
 Office Closed



Sunday, 27th.
 10:30 am Online Worship Service
 Open Worship
 Jon on Vacation

Monday, 28th.

Tuesday, 29th.
 1:00-7:00pm American Red Cross
 Blood Drive

Wednesday, 30th.

Thursday, 31st. New Years Eve
 Office Closed



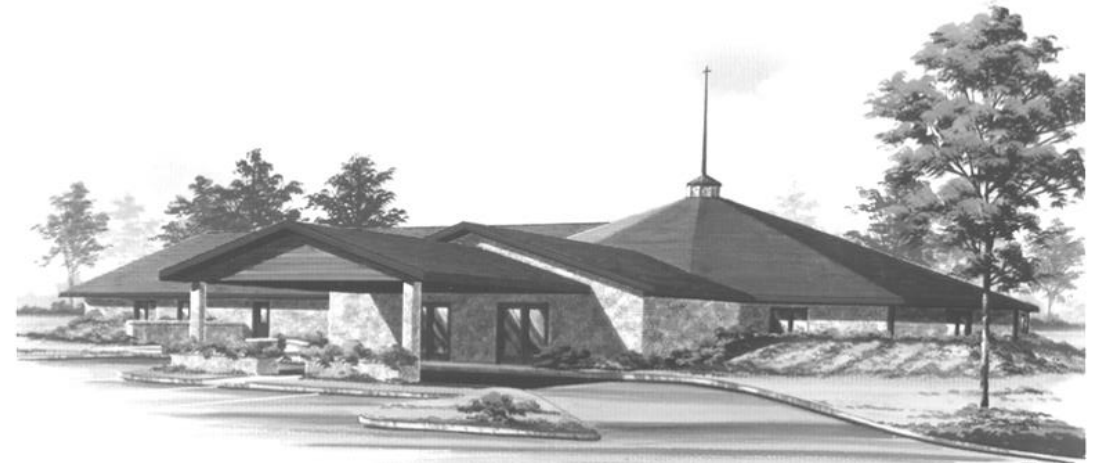
Friday, Jan. 1st. New Years Day
 Office Closed



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Our Mission:

First Friends exists to *invite* people into a living faith in God through Jesus Christ, to *transform* us into mature disciples by the work of the Holy Spirit, and to *send* us into the world as witnesses of Christ Jesus.

Welcome

May God's grace touch each worshiper today and may all of us be filled with love. If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worship.

Please complete the roll call card (located in the back of the pew in front of you) to indicate a specific prayer need or a friendly visit.

The nursery is available for children ages birth to 2 years old during the Sunday School hour and Meeting for Worship. The Godly Play Ministry is available for children ages 3 yrs.-3rd. grade during Meeting for Worship.

"If we have the reality (of Christ), nothing else is required; if we do not have the reality, nothing else will suffice." -D. Elton Trueblood

Meeting For Worship

December 20, 2020

Prelude "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" Polly Simmons
Praetorius

Open Worship

Our "open worship" offers time to wait upon the Lord in *stillness* allowing for an exchange of communication between Christ and ourselves. Confession, repentance, prayer and praise are often experienced as God's Spirit rises up within, renewing our life in His kingdom. (Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 40:28-31, Acts 1:4, 2:1-2).

Announcements

Benediction

Jon

Offertory "Angels We Have Heard on High" Polly
French Carol Michelle Kennedy

Postlude

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
Mendelssohn

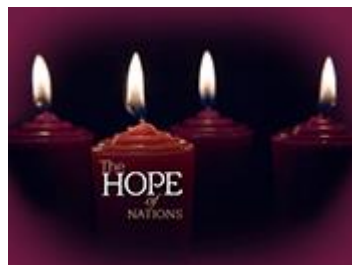
Polly

Message Jonathan Newton

(The order of Worship is subject to change by the Holy Spirit.)

Music Ministry

Music Director.....Michelle Kennedy
Organist.....Polly Simmons
Pianist.....Beth Morris



Prayer Requests

Mendy Boyle
Erin Cottrell
Mary Gang
Terri Maskel-Nixon
Bea McMurtrey

Dan Sheridan
Christian Smith
Susan Tobin
Alec Wessendorf
Walt & Joella Wessendorf