

## 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

2021

### Sunday, 26th.

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Meeting for Worship  
 Joe Toren, visiting pastor  
 11:15 am Monthly Meeting  
 11:30 am Youth Handbell practice

### Monday, 27th.

5:45 pm-9 pm  
 Tri Kappa Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, 28th.

### Wednesday, 29th.

9:00 am Hobby Club  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir  
 7:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, 30th.

### Friday, Oct. 1st.

### Saturday, 2nd.

7:30 am Northern Area Quaker Men  
 Korner Kitchen 2

### Sunday, October 3rd.

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Meeting for Worship  
 Jeff Newton visiting pastor  
 Mission Sunday, ACFIA  
 Godly Play, Cassie Miller

### Monday, 4th.

### Tuesday, 5th.

### Wednesday, 6th.

9:00 am Hobby Club  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir  
 7:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, 7th.

### Friday, 8th.

### Saturday, 9th.

Save the date for the next  
 Chicken/Beef & Noodle  
 Curb Side Sale  
**Sat. Nov. 13th., 4:00pm**  
 Drive through style  
 Orders & pick up at car port  
 No indoor dining  
 Benefitting EquiVenture

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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.

### Our Vision:

To become a thriving meeting, rooted in Quaker testimonies and relevant to the local community.

# 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

## September 26, 2021

### Welcome, Cares and Shares

Dot Williams

### Hymn #7

"Great Is the Lord"

Michelle Kennedy

### Offertory

"Thou Art Worthy"  
Pauline Mills

Polly Simmons

### Anthem

"Amazing Grace"

Choir

### Message

Joe Toren

### 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).

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"Amazing Love"

Michelle

### Benediction

Joe

### Postlude

"May Jesus Christ Be Praised"  
J. Barnby

Polly

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

### Music Ministry

Song Leader.....Michelle Kennedy

Organist.....Polly Simmons

Adult Choir



### Prayer Requests

Susan Block  
Shirley DeLon  
Helen Lawson  
Freda Russell  
Mary Gang

Ed Kammeyer  
Valerie Rhum  
Dan Sheridan  
Susan Tobin