



*Mary set out with haste ...*  
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First Friends Meeting

A Center for Spiritual Growth  
2100 West Friendly Avenue  
Greensboro NC 27403

November 27, 2011

**First Friends Meeting**  
**Eleventh month, Twenty-seventh, 2011**  
*First Friends is a Quaker Meeting*  
*building healthy relationships*  
*with God, one another and all creation.*

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Et Misericordia</b>	<b>Rutter</b>
<b>Announcements &amp; Welcome</b>		<b>Sheila Hoyer</b>
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>		<b>Sheila Hoyer</b>
<b>Silence for Reflection</b>		
<b>Hymn #110</b>	<b>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</b>	
<b>Young Friends Message</b>	<b>“Anticipation...”</b>	<b>Nathan Sebens</b>
<b>Anthem</b>	<b>Of the Father’s Love Begotten</b>	<b>arr. J. Dennis</b>
Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore! O ye heights of heav’n adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing; Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore! Christ to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be; Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, Evermore and evermore!		
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		<b>Sheila Hoyer</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>When the Saints Go Marching</b>	<b>Zach Fetrow</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Luke 1:39-45</b>	
<b>Message</b>	<b>“Greeting the Possibility”</b>	<b>Nathan Sebens</b>
<b>Waiting Worship After the Manner of Friends</b>		

**Hymn #713      Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**Benediction**

*Flowers today are given by Barbara Potts.*

**Nathan Sebens** grew up just North of Mt. Airy, NC, and attended Mt. Airy Monthly Meeting until he moved to Greensboro to attend Guilford College. Since Guilford, Nathan has studied at the Earlham School of Religion, performed professional children's theater all around the Midwest, helped to organize several National Young Adult Friends Conferences, and is enjoying his most recent "role" as Intern with Friends Center at Guilford College. Nathan is excited to be able to worship here at First Friends today, and happily remembers worshipping here with his grandparents, Nate & Anne Shope.

**TODAY:**

9:00 am - Unprogrammed Worship  
10:00am- Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 am - Nathan Sebens speaking  
12:15pm- Enablement Committee

**UPCOMING:**

Monday, Nov. 28, 7pm- Finance Committee  
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 8am- Men's Breakfast Group  
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:30pm- Choir practice

**UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP:**

December 4 & 11- Deborah Suess speaking  
December 18- Evelyn Jadin speaking

## **FIRST FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Just think how lovely the meeting room looks with all those flowers!** Poinsettias will be placed in the meeting room Dec. 4, 11, & 18. Honor a loved one by ordering a plant. Profits will benefit youth group activities. Order forms are included- **please return to Janice Wood by TODAY.**

**Deborah Suess** rescheduled her long-awaited two-week vacation to LA and Chicago and will be gone until Wednesday. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact the office. Sheila, Evelyn, and others have agreed to be available to offer care and ministry.

**USFW** is selling bags of pecans for only \$10/bag. Get a few bags to put in the freezer, and have them ready to put in desserts or sweet potatoes. Add to that some halves for Christmas pie, and make a thoughtful gift of a bag of Chocolate Amaretto. Come by the foyer, or call Nancy (643-3394), Este (674-1674), or Jean (288-2803).

### **Upcoming CE Holiday Events (Contact Sheila with any questions):**

- December 16- Christmas Caroling to our friends less able to get out, and pizza at Bill's Pizza
- December 18- Christmas Play and Soup Supper
- December 20- Adult Night Out: Christmas lights, and goodies at Martha Rierson's.

Monthly Meeting is Sunday, Dec. 4 at the rise of meeting. **Please have reports to Renee by Tuesday, Nov. 29** for inclusion in the weekly email.

**Men's Breakfast Group** meets every other Wednesday, 8am at Tex and Shirley's. The next meeting is Nov. 30- please contact Bob Winsor.

### **Sunday School News:**

- "Love Wins: A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person that ever lived" by Rob Bell, discussion with Marshall Hurley and Sheila Hoyer is upcoming- stay tuned for more information/dates.
- Bill and Dawn Davis continue Bible study in Room 2, 10am- all are welcome.

**Do you have a lonely umbrella stand sitting around?** Bring it to the meetinghouse and we will put it to good use!

## **WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bending Towards the Light:** A Jazz Nativity, presented by West Market Street United Methodist Church (302 West Market St.), Dec. 3, 5pm. Pre-show concert by MarketBell Ringers at 4pm. The event is free, childcare available. Call 275-4587 for info.

**A special gathering with Diane Randall**, the new Executive Secretary of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) on Tuesday, December 6, 7:30pm at Friends Home Guilford; and Wednesday, December 7, 7:30pm at New Garden Friends Meeting. Contact Bill Rogers: 282-9035, or Dot Mason: 288-2852.

**American Friends Service Committee** Annual Winter Open House, Dec. 10, 10am-2pm, 529-D College Rd. (in Quaker Crossing). 854-0633/ Carolinas@afsc.org.

**A Christmas Gift-** a one act play presented by Providence Baptist Church Drama Guild, Saturday Dec. 10, 6pm and Sunday Dec. 11, 5:30pm (1106 Tuscaloosa St., Greensboro). Admission is free- donations will be accepted for the Children's Home Society.

**Second Annual Jingle-All-the-Way 5K** sponsored by NCYM Young Adult Committee to benefit MOWA Choctaw, Sat. Dec. 10, 9:30am (check-in at 8:45am) at Hagen Stone Park (Pleasant Garden). \$25 to participate. Register [www.ncym-fum.com/](http://www.ncym-fum.com/) 292-6957.

Tickets for **Vienna Boys Choir** at West Market St. United Methodist Church are on sale now. The performance is Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Call 275-4587.

**Save the Date:** NC Yearly Meeting 2012 Mid-Year Gathering for Worship & Business, March 3, 9:30am-4:30pm at Quaker Lake Camp. Theme: "Being Built Together"; Randy Quate speaking. Registration \$20 (includes meals). Childcare provided.

## **Scripture**

### **Luke 1:39-45**

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

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