



Graham Friends Church

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Order of Worship

for the Second Sunday After Christmas

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude & Lighting the Sanctuary

The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Hymn 447

“Joy to the World”

Response

Psalms 147:12-20 (ESV)

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

**He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.**

He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. He hurls
down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold?

He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.

**He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.**

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.

Praise the LORD!

The Greeting of Friends

Worship Set & New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Pastoral Prayer & Offertory

The Gospel Lesson

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Children's Chat

Sermon

John Porter, Superintendent
North Carolina Yearly Meeting

Response & Benediction

Auman Hunter, lector

Worship Opportunities Service Fellowship

The church calendar is online at <http://grahamfriends.org/calendar/>

Today, 9:40AM: Worship Team

10AM: Sunday School

11AM: Worship

NOON: Carry-in lunch and “Monthly” Meeting

5PM: “The Prepared Christian” – Evening Fellowship is cancelled.

Wednesday, 10AM: Bible class (2 Corinthians)

7PM: Discovery Club and Bible class (2 Corinthians)

Thursday, 7PM: Worship Team practice

Sunday, 2PM: Baby Shower for Cristin Paul

Want to be a Prepared Christian?

In order to be the best friends of Jesus we can be, we must walk closely with him as his disciples used to do and show others how to be his students too. Yet, have you ever felt you couldn't even share your faith? What if someone asked you a question about Christianity that you couldn't answer—even if the question was asked in a children's Sunday School class?

Starting this afternoon, a year-long class is being offered that will make you a prepared Christian. The classes won't give you *all* the answers but they will prepare you to think so that God's Spirit may provide you with what to say. Sessions will meet each Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Rymans (503 N. Main). The classes are designed to give you a foundation for your faith, be better educated about it, and prepare you to teach others. By deepening your understanding of God and the life to which he has called you, it will be less likely that you are tossed about on the seas of popular opinion and dubious doctrine.

Want to be a better friend of Jesus? Want to be better prepared? There is still a little room in the class. Tell Pastor Mark and he'll get you your books. Be there today at 5:00!

More at <http://grahamfriends.org/prepared.html>

The Only Generation

Find the 31 bold words from John 1:10-18 (PP).

The **Word** was in the **world**, and the world came into being through him, yet it did not know him. He came to what was his own but his own people did not **accept** him. Yet to all who **received** him, who **believed** in his **name**, he gave **power** to become children of God—**born**, not of **blood** or of the **will** of the **flesh** or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and **dwelled among** us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a **father's sole generation**, full of **grace** and **truth**.

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N H U E G C S A N E T N O A N R
S K J N L T E X F H N H O E E X
T U O H I L S L E X E O L H R A
U M S F D N E R O C R J B I A C
A C I E F E A D P S D V S C T C
R E Y R J L V H A L L R R X I E
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E F E R A N K S C O C O N Z W S

John testified to him and cried out, “This is the one I told you about, ‘He who comes after me **ranks** ahead of me because he was before me.’” From his **fullness** we have all received, grace upon grace. Surely the **law** was given through **Moses** but **grace** and **truth** were known through **Jesus Christ**. No one has ever seen God. It is the only **begotten** God who is **next** to his Father’s **heart** who has made him **known**.