



In Ministry

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HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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Guest Musician: Kimberly Farlow

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Message:

"Saying Yes to Divine Purpose"

Open Worship: In this time of open worship, Friends take time to center down, wait on God to provide ministry to your soul and see if God wishes to use you as an instrument of grace.

Organ Special:

Hallelujah Chorus

Benediction:

Thoughts for Reflection:

The Gift of Hope

God of hope, come! Enter into every human heart that cries out for a glimpse of your love, for a sign of your welcoming presence, for a taste of your happiness.

Be the one who calms the restless and gentles the ache of the human journey.

God of hope, come! Enter into this Advent season with the grace of joy and laughter.

Fill the faces with smiles of delight and voices with sounds of pleasure.

Let this gift come from deep within.

Replenish all with the joyful blessings that only your peace can bring.

(Joyce Rupp)

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude: The First Noel / He is Born

As the music begins, we invite Friends to settle into a silence that serves to prepare us for our time of worship. Welcome the music to gather us together as a faith community at worship.

Welcome & Announcements:

Advent Centering Prayer: "Loving God, help us to hear what you say because you speak peace to Your people and to Your faithful ones. Help us to receive You with open and trusting hearts and to respond in trusting confidence that You will lead us in the way to life. May Your peace and hope be born in us today. Amen."

Hymn: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" #92

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

Hymn: "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" #89

Scripture: **Luke 1:26-38**

Violin Special: Mary did You Know?
