



In Ministry

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HIGH  
POINT  
*Friends*  
MEETING

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### Luke 2:39-40, NRSV

"When they have finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

### Philippians 2:12-13, NRSV

"Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

### 2 Corinthians 8:10-11, The Message

"So here's what I think: The best thing you can do right now is to finish what you started last year and not let those good intentions grow stale. Your heart's been in the right place all along. You've got what it takes to finish it up, so go to it. Once the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't."

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## Message:

### "Keeping Our Intentions Fresh "

**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.

**Hymn:** "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord" #396

**Benediction:**

#### Thoughts for Reflection:

"...God created us with intention, that the entire universe exists with intention, and that we, if we are to live life as God intended, must also live intentional lives...If God's intention was to ensure the re-creation of life, we should choose no lesser intention for our lives. Every word, every action, every creative act should have as its ultimate intention to bring life to others intention precedes creation, and essence informs intention. We cannot create life if we are not alive."

*(Erwin McManus, "The Artisan Soul")*

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

*(Howard Thurman)*

# High Point Friends Meeting

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Prelude: Go Tell It On the Mountain

*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:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, we have arrived at the ending of one year and the arrival of a new one. Life is often lived between endings and new beginnings. Help us know what we need to let go of in order to embrace the new beginnings that await us. Guide us with Your Light and wisdom. Amen."

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #14

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: I Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Scripture: Luke 2:39-40, Philippians 2:12-13

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #382

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