

## **MEDITATIONS FROM DECEMBER 2018 SUNDAY BULLETINS**

### **A TIME OF PREPARATION**

December 2, 2018

Rev. Janet Friedline

Many of us are involved in the activities of the Christmas season. There is festivity that goes beyond the observance of the birth of Jesus in the town of Bethlehem many years ago. We come together with family and friends, exchanging gifts, and sharing the traditional dinner. We decorate our houses with wreaths and garland, trimming the tree with ornaments and lights. This is the outer display of the holiday season, and much preparation is required to put it in place.

True acknowledgment takes place in the solitude of inner being. It is there that the soul is stirred in remembrance of its true name – Christ. Each time that we turn within, and feel his presence, it may be said that the birth has occurred. And yes, there is preparation. We study, and we learn. We have our time of prayer and meditation. Truth reveals we are Christ, the one of the spiritual birth. The display of inner being is our nature, it is of God. Be still and know that this is so.

### **ABUNDANCE IS OURS**

December 9, 2018

Mr. Wayne Gatewood

People suffer lack because they do not know the source or nature of their supply. We cannot have the benefit of a principle on any consistent basis, until we recognize that principle, and apply the laws that govern its activity. Cave men could have had electric lights. The ancient Athenians could have televised their plays. In a similar way, the principle underlying supply was as true then as now, but people were ignorant of it. From where do you think your supply and abundance come? Do you think it comes from your employer, or your investments? Do you think your prosperity depends upon favorable business conditions? These are channels through which supply flows to you and to everyone, but the Source and Substance of all supply is Spirit. The Power that created you is sustaining you.

The Omnipresence of God is as real in the realm of supply as in any other; God is, at all times, supplying us with the satisfaction of every need. If this seems difficult to accept, let us remember that all that is made is made out of this invisible Spirit or God-Substance. Know God and take no thought of what tomorrow may bring. Realize all that is yours as his child, to include health, joy, wholeness, love....and abundance. All good is ours through Grace.

### **THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT**

December 16, 2018

Rev. Donna Gatewood

(special bulletin with no meditation)

### **THE CHRIST IS BORN**

December 24, 2018

Rev. Janet Friedline

(special bulletin with no meditation)

## **A TIME TO REMEMBER**

December 30, 2018

Rev. Janet Friedline

As we begin a new year of experience we find us reflecting on times past. When we remove the old calendar, we remember the events that filled its months and its days; calling up memories of pain and pleasure. While we look forward to a new year, we aren't quite ready to release the old one. Did we leave things undone; could we have done things differently? We ponder and we contemplate, reliving what we consider success or failure.

There is nothing magical about the arrival of a new year. It simply brings us what life has to offer and it is us who determines what to do with it. Determination is made in consciousness. Unless we have a change in consciousness, the New Year will end up pretty much like the old one. Let us begin anew. In the morning, we begin with prayer, allowing God to fill our day with his work and his intent. In the absence of thought, we are led by inner guidance and direction. The world brings us experience; God does the work. Rest in the assurance that God is here, and that is our sufficiency.