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LESSON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER 2024-JANUARY 2025

DECEMBER 1

“AWARENESS OF BEING”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

Genesis 1 describes the action of God, let there be light, and there was. Moses describes God with the words I AM, or awareness of being. Jesus describes God as a loving Father, accessible to all, greater things than I do, you can do likewise. Coming to an awareness of our being is essential to knowing our true, spiritual nature. Metaphysically, in this Christmas season, we are mindful that the birth of Jesus symbolizes for us the birth of our awareness of the ground of our being in God.

DECEMBER 8

“AWAKING FROM THE DREAM”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

A mind unenlightened by spiritual discernment is akin to a man or woman who is asleep. Our consciousness is limited to the material circumstances within which we find ourselves, constantly judging as to whether something is good or not good for us. This dream state keeps us bound, trapped in material conditions that are not real, as they are transient, here today and gone tomorrow. When we release ourselves from the material conditioning, when we begin to have spiritual enlightenment, we are said to be awakening from the dream and focusing on reality. This awakening is a new birth within us. Unless a man be born again, he cannot obtain spiritual understanding.

DECEMBER 15

“A GREAT LIGHT”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.” We are anticipating the birth of the Savior in the world, and also, likewise, we are anticipating the birth of the Savior, the healing consciousness within ourselves. We walk in darkness when we live on a material basis alone; when we think that we can live, move and have our being separate and apart from God – expelled from the Garden of Eden. When we who walk in darkness have seen a great light, we are awakened to the reconciliation about to unfold, we are about to be restored to the kingdom. This is the birth of the Savior within.

DECEMBER 22

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

“GLAD TYDINGS”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

The Angel Gabriel said, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. This was good news, delivered not only to Mary, but to all of us. For on this day a child is born unto us and his name shall be called wonderful and He shall reign over our consciousness and bring us peace.



DECEMBER 24 AT 7PM
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
“THE BIRTH OF THE NEW BEING”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

It may be a dark night outside of our consciousness. But inside, in our thoughts, hearts, minds and essentially within every fiber of our being is the knowledge that the Lord is with us, that God is in our midst. He always was and always will be. It is we who are on this night coming into further realization or perhaps a new or renewed sense of the truth, that God is omnipresent and although our material senses cannot recognize this, the birth of the new idea has taken hold in our being. This new awareness of being brings us joy and peace.

No Service on December 29th, 2024

JANUARY 5
“NEW BEGINNINGS”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

It is always the same every year. The calendar moves forward on January 1st into a new year, and we have decided that it should be the time to develop new ways of being. We diet, we exercise, we resolve to go to church more perhaps or meditate more. We use the calendar as a convenient construct to impose on ourselves a new way to think, move and have our being. We always look forward to the new year, as an opportunity for a re-birth; this year, let us have that re-birth in consciousness as well as in body.

JANUARY 12
“SAFEGUARDING OUR NEW VISION”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

Why master could we not heal the boy with epilepsy, asked the disciples to Jesus. His answer was simple: “This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” Just wanting a new way of living is not enough. If we truly want to live a different life in a higher, more risen consciousness, we must put in the effort. We must safeguard our new vision. And one way to safeguard it is to keep it secret until it fully forms as a habit. We must protect the baby Jesus from Herod, so to speak. Another way is once the habit is formed, to continually work at it, denying the desires to return to the old way of doing things (fasting) and affirming the new way of living through our prayerful life in God.

JANUARY 19
“THE DEMAND TO BE FREE”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

Freedom is not free, so the saying goes. The Israelites were not freely released; God through Moses inspired the escape and still it required the parting of the Red Sea to escape from the chasing chariots. Again, there were further fights to secure their freedom from the occupying Roman Empire at the time of Jesus. And we, as a nation, had to fight to be free from the British Empire. And now not all our citizens feel free, and the fight continues to secure liberties and equality among all regardless of race, creed, gender, orientation or any other classification that one human power group will seek to exploit over another. We recognize we are all one with the Father, all equal in His eyes, that God is no respecter of persons. We must continually assert this truth, in thought, feeling and in deed in order to continue the universal rise in consciousness.

JANUARY 26
“RESTORING OUR BARREN LANDS”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

It is the so-called dead of winter here in the northeastern section of the United States. All around us are signs of barrenness. And yet we in Divine Science know the truth; that we are to look beyond appearances and see that the life-giving structures remain in place and will once again bloom in season. “To everything THERE IS a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

HOW TO JOIN OUR SUNDAY SERVICE

To join via telephone

Call the toll-free number: 669-265-1582; and press#. You will be joined and be automatically muted.

To join via zoom app

Enter our meeting ID: 7216723017. There will be no password required. You will automatically be muted. Please remain muted.

“INSTRUCTION FOR LIFE”

Rev. Pat Beach

Many times when we buy a new item, we find it comes with detailed directions for our using that item. There will also likely be a quick guide or simplified summary page outlining the basics.

Yet, so many individuals are not aware that something as important as Life also has instructions. The full manual is 66 chapters long to include the repetitions necessary for us to fully get examples of what to do and not to do.

However, there is also a summary. This summary called the Ten Commandments gives us a simplified guide for living the Life More Abundant that God intends for us. Following these instructions faithfully will bring untold blessings.

We give thanks to God for these inspired instructions for Living. Amen.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Cold weather and snow blankets generally characterize the winter solstice in many parts of our country. Some areas receiving more precipitation than others. Wherever you are, the Board of Trustees of the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ continues to keep you abreast of its events and disbursements.

1.

Rev. Eugene Policastri has been handling the restoration of our insurance on the building so that we might reinstate our hybrid service and have complete use of the building. His recent meeting with the National Park Service (NPS) was successful in making it known to them that our desire is to remain in the building. At the time of this message going to press, the insurance issue was almost favorably resolved. As soon as this takes place, we will again welcome everyone to the church building.

2.

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to reinstate our advertisement in Pathways Magazine. This was done to make ourselves more visible to the public. As was mentioned previously, we will also participate in the March 30 *Natural Living Expo* presented by Pathways. This event will take place at the Hilton McLean – Tysons Corner, McLean, Virginia. Further details will be forthcoming.

3.

For all those who regularly present tithes and offerings to keep our church community afloat—we thank you whole heartedly. However, we continue to have a shortfall in our quarterly Profit & Loss Statements. Continuing to withdraw from our investment account to keep us buoyant will not always be an option. At the same time, we realize that for some, the cost of living can be a strain. We are grateful for those who can, however, consider increasing the amount of their offering if possible. No amount is too small.



“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
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Winter Classes 2025



Spiritual Psychology

Rev. Donna Gatewood, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 5, 2025

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science

This Class will be offered remotely

To sign up, please email us at dschurchdc@aol.com or call us at 202-333-7630 and leave a message.

The class in Spiritual Psychology teaches the student to reason about life from the basis of the omnipresence of God. In our quest for Truth we learn to look beyond the appearance to that which is real and absolute. Spiritual Psychology presents the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of life as an unfolding process leading to the realization of Oneness. The teachings of Jesus are studied as an approach to philosophy, religion, how to live in the truth we have attained, and the understanding of cosmic consciousness. Units on prayer, the silence, healing, supply and death, among others are presented in this class.

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/New Testament

Rev. Gene Policastri, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 5, 2024,

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science, Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/Old Testament

This class moves the study of the Bible into the New Testament. The class emphasizes the awakening of the Spiritual nature in man as told through the birth of the Christ. This one revelation in the consciousness of an individual transforms ordinary men and women into children of God. In essence, the story of the Bible, when spiritually understood, is the story of man as he moves from the Adam state to the Christ Mind.



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Tuesdays
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