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## LESSON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER 2021-JANUARY 2022

### **DECEMBER 5** “FIRST THINGS FIRST”

Rev. Donna Gatewood

One of the greatest souls was a man from India named Mahatma Gandhi. His rallying cry was "First things first." The first thing in his life was God. Can you say the same?

### **DECEMBER 12** “PREPARE YE THE WAY”

Rev. Janet Friedline

Much of what we do, requires a time of preparation. This is also true of our spiritual life. We celebrate the Christmas experience by observing the birth of the baby Jesus. To learn the deeper meaning of the birth, we must prepare ourselves to receive it. Let us discover how to do this.

### **DECEMBER 19** CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE “YE ARE THE LIGHT”

Rev. Donna Gatewood

A Light came into the world and the world knew it not. This Light is the activity that heals and restores.. this Light is the Christ in you.

### **DECEMBER 24** CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE “THE PRINCE OF PEACE”

Rev. Janet Friedline

The Christ child was born in a manger. God planted in individual consciousness the seed that was to evolve into knowledge of the true birth. We are that child, and this is our story.

No Service on 12/26/21

### **JANUARY 2** “ONLY ONE RESOLUTION”

Mr. Gene Policastri

This is the time of year that many of us make resolutions. Usually after about a month, sometimes less, we revert to our old ways. But resolutions on the spiritual plane are everlasting.

### **JANUARY 9** “BEGIN ANEW”

Rev. Janet Friedline

We say we would like to erase the past and begin anew. This requires a change on our part. We cannot carry our present state of consciousness into new places and expect different results. There is work for us to do. Let us get busy and do it.

**JANUARY 16**  
**“THE SECRET PLACE”**

Rev. Janet Friedline

The Bible speaks of a secret place, and advised us to seek it above all else. This is a sacred habitation, truly holy ground. When we step aside from the human experience, we become still. In the silence, we find us in God's house and that is our sufficiency.

**JANUARY 23**  
**“DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY”**

Mr. Gene Policastri

Legend has it that the month of January was so cold and dark that the Romans refused to count it as a month. When we let our surroundings dictate how we feel about life, then we can find ourselves in misery. But there is a solution when we look inward – we can find a source of joy.

**JANUARY 30**  
**“FAITH IN THE INFINITE ONENESS”**

Mr. Gene Policastri

Life is more than meets the eye. There is a presence at work forming, creating, maintaining and sustaining us each hour of the day even when we believe we don't see it. Faith allows us to see right through the appearances and to the true presence that never fails.



**Directions to join to our Sunday Services**



**To join via telephone**

Call the toll-free number: 669-265-1582; and press#. You will be joined and be automatically muted. If you are asked to enter the conference ID, enter 721-672-3017, then press #.



**To join via zoom app**

Simply enter our meeting ID: 7216723017. There will be no password required. You will automatically be muted and disabled to use your video.

**Winter Classes 2022**

**Spiritual Psychology** Rev. Donna Gatewood, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022, 9:00 am *Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science*

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** Mr. Gene Policastri, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022, 9:00 am

*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.

# “A NEW BEGINNING”

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## Rev. Pat Beach

We celebrate both Christmas and the New Year as times of new beginnings, something new given to us. The rituals, traditions and customs all give the promise of a chance to "start over," to begin anew. We're uplifted and hopeful that things will change for the better. We find encouragement at the thought of this chance for a fresh start, a new and different way of life. Year after year, hope continues that a new way of being will bring improvement into our lives.

As we grow in understanding, we will recognize that it is futile to expect changes in the outer realm to make a lasting difference. There is no future good, no added, outer thing that will improve our circumstances. Yes, new beginnings can open up the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing there shall not be room enough to receive. This is true as long as this is consistent with God being recognized as the beginning of all things. When we learn that the secret of Life is that creation moves from the Invisible realm into visibility, it becomes clear that any change must first occur within us. "*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind....*" Through the activity of turning inward we discover the good that we are seeking is already within us. We realize God here in the midst of us to the extent that we give attention to this practice

Beginning with God, there is an illumined understanding, "God said, Let there be light; and there was light." Beginning with God, there are new insights. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." Beginning with God, there is a new freedom. "They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Beginning with God, there is right order in Creation. "God who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Beginning with God, there is guidance for our lives. "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."

Most Wondrous Creator, we give thanks forever for the ability to know You as the beginning. Amen.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We hope that all of you remain in good health and good spirits as we prepare for the winter season ahead. While there is no pressing news at this time, there are a couple of items to share with you.

1. The ministers have agreed that the church should remain closed until we hear further from NPS concerning a new Lease Agreement. To date, we are still waiting to hear from them. When we do, we shall hold a congregational meeting to decide our steps into the future.

2. Repair was made to secure the two columns holding up the eve at the front of the church, and the whiteboard on the Wisconsin side of the church near the bus stop. The cost was \$125. As you can see, even though we are not occupying the building, it still requires our constant maintenance and upkeep.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the church, we wish all a blessed and peaceful holiday season.  
Shirley Taylor Moore, President Board of Trustees

*"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."* 1 Corinthians 2:5

# CHRISTMAS AND YOU

The Christmas story concerns itself with a birth; but this is not a birth that took place over 2,000 years ago. “For unto you a child is given. Unto you a savior is come.”

The New Testament is not merely the story of a man whose teachings have influenced the world. Rather it is the story of the evolution of consciousness. We are not human. We are divine and the story of Christmas is about our individual awakening to this Truth. It is an awakening that takes place in all of us. This awakening is our destiny.



This as you prepare for the holidays also prepare your heart and your mind—in true humility—to accept the divinity which has been our heritage from the beginning. Christ in you; your hope and glory.

I invite you to join us virtually for our Christmas service on Sunday, December 19, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. I will be the speaker. My lesson topic is “Ye Are The Light.” There will also be a Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening. Rev. Janet Friedline will be giving the lesson. Her lesson topic is “The Prince of Peace.”

Both of these services will include special Christmas music. Our much loved and missed, Reggie Bouknight will lift our spirits with his beautiful and touching tenor voice from previously recorded Christmases. We look forward to having you join us for both of these services.

On behalf of the Church Board of Trustees, the ministerial and teaching staff, I thank you for your continued love and support of our beautiful teaching through this unusual year. May your holiday be filled with Love, Peace, and Joy. May the coming year be rich with an abundance of blessings.

Love and Blessings,

Rev. Donna Gatewood

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be on his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God; the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9:6



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