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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER 2023-JANUARY 2024

DECEMBER 3

“PREPARE YE THE WAY”

Rev. Gene Policastri

The birth of Christ Consciousness within us is something for which we must prepare. We must make our paths straight. We must not allow false narratives to impede our spiritual progress. We are aware of ever-increasing unfoldment of the Christ within, of that sense of Truth that we are individualized expressions of God coming into increasing manifestation. For this we must prepare ourselves and take to heart the statement from John who forecast the coming of the Christ.

DECEMBER 10

“AWAY IN THE MANGER”

Rev. Gene Policastri

The Gospel of Luke has the manger story of the birth of Jesus. Replete with metaphor and symbolism it not only establishes the birthright that the Messiah would be born in the City of David; but it also establishes that the Christ is appearing in birth outside the material realm and is among the poor. He is in the manger. There is no room for him in the Inn. We are shown that the birth of Christ Consciousness is outside of the human/material realm.

DECEMBER 17

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

“THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER”

Rev. Gene Policastri

Take into your consciousness a radical reliance on Christ. Let the government be on His shoulder. Realize that the burgeoning Truth entering into our thoughts will take care of us and can be relied upon. This reliance completely removes the responsibility of self government. Our yoke is lifted. Our burden is light.

No Morning Service on 12/24/23

DECEMBER 24 AT 7PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

“THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST”

Rev. Gene Policastri

Matthew's gospel introduces the birth report of Jesus with these words: “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise.” This gives us a much needed emotional connection. Written many decades after the crucifixion, and after communities had been created and nurtured by Paul, the birth reports of Matthew and Luke allow us to connect emotionally with the energy that the early communities expressed. The birth stories solidify for us the concept of being human and divine.

No Service on 12/31/23



JANUARY 7

“IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”

Rev. Gene Policastri

The Frank Capra movie explores the life of George Bailey from the perspective of George questioning his meaning to the community. He is given the gift of being shown the contrast of how the community was in decay because of his never having been born. He can then see that his existence made a difference after all. Likewise, we have the healing consciousness, and all are better for us being present, regardless of what we might think.

JANUARY 14

“LIBERATION AND DIVINE SCIENCE”

Rev. Gene Policastri

W. E. B. Du Bois and Howard Thurman are two theologians who saw that the Bible contains within it a liberation theology and they both advocated for full civil rights, for complete freedom from a socioeconomic standpoint. Jesus stood for freedom and equality. Jesus takes the side of we who are poor and burdened by society and shows us the way to set ourselves free. Our freedom comes in the realization of the omnipresence of God.

JANUARY 21

“THE WARMTH WITHIN”

Rev. Gene Policastri

January can be a very cold month weather-wise. The days are short; the fields are cold and barren. Some mornings it is just so cold we don’t want to leave our homes. And yet, the weather outside does not affect the warmth we have within. For we are growing spiritually and inside we can feel its warm presence.

JANUARY 28

“EVERYDAY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE”

Rev. Gene Policastri

A vital spiritual experience will change your whole way of being, and in turn your whole life. Our teaching is directly intended to develop such a fertile ground for you so that a spiritual experience is available for you to put into practice the law of expression. We live as one with God and behold all error removed from our lives.



“THE REALM OF SILENCE”

Rev. Pat Beach

By all appearances, Winter in many places is a time of inactivity. The weather can be cold, sometimes with harsh conditions of ice and snow. This seems to be a desolate time when life looks to have come to a standstill. Yet, science now tells us that even trees communicate with each other through a vast underground network which is just another part of the ongoing flow of life. The world has turned within to rest before being restored to new activity. And so it is with us, as we turn within in the Silence, for here we are reminded that we are the spiritual beings we were created to be.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither but watereth the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where to I sent it." Isaiah 55:10,11

God of all, we gratefully receive the gift of Your Word heard in the deep silence within. Amen

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board welcomes the leadership of our newly ordained minister, Rev. Eugene Policastri. We will work with him to continually support the message of our Divine Science church.

1.

We have actively contacted sources who might be interested in taking over the janitorial and other upkeep of the church building. While we do not anticipate a full-time person at this juncture, we must make sure that whomever we hire understands the needs of a building such as ours..

2.

As was referred to earlier this fall, we have received from NPS recommendations for alleviating some of the issues presented with the church building. However, some of these issues we are asking NPS to undertake as they are part of natural wear and tear over the years. In the meantime, the Board has voted to go ahead and repair the ceiling in the library and the minister's office.

3.

The Board is hosting a Christmas Carol sing along on Sunday, December 10, at 1:00 p.m. It will be held outside unless the weather is inclement, at which time we will be in the library. Hot chocolate and sweets will be available. All are welcome.

“Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 15:58 Selected Bible Readings, First Divine Science Church of Denver

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees



Winter Classes 2024



Spiritual Psychology

Rev. Donna Gatewood, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2024, 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

Rev. Gene Policastri, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2024, 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.

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

The DS Church Photo Gallery

Congratulations, Rev. Gene PolICASTRI!



Ordination Service &
Reception
October 29th, 2023



**LEND YOUR VOICE AND
JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ALONG
AND
HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023
1 PM
OUTSIDE
(If raining – inside)**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Directions 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 and disabled to use your video.



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Office Coverage

The Church Office will remain closed until further notice.

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Ongoing Prayer and
Study Group
Conference call

Tuesdays
6:30 pm

If you would like to join, you
may do so by using the
conference call number:

605-472-5203
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