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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

SEPTEMBER 3 “LOVE WHAT YOU DO”

Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us fills our days in a certain way. We may be a student, a volunteer, or retired. Perhaps we have a job or social obligations and responsibilities demanding our attention. We may serve in the military or in ministerial positions. However, the question is “do we like what we do? If not, why not? Each must answer in a personal way.

SEPTEMBER 10 (*HYBRID SERVICE*) “WE ALWAYS HAVE GOD’S LOVE”

Practitioner Gene Policastri

God is no respecter of persons; God’s rain falls on the just and the unjust. What is the meaning behind these statements found in the New Testament? How can it be that those of us who are always doing the right thing still experience negative conditions; and those who never seem to do what’s right seem to somehow get by, and even thrive? The answer is that we do not earn or merit God’s love, it is always present; we experience it the moment we turn to and realize its presence.

SEPTEMBER 17 “A SUCCESSFUL LIFE”

Rev. Janet Friedline

We say we would like to live a successful life. However, what is success and where do we find it. Can success be measured and analyzed - is it the product of the “head” or of the “heart.” Our view of life allows us to look “without” or “within” for confirmation. The choice is ours. Let us choose wisely.

SEPTEMBER 24 (*HYBRID SERVICE*) “WE ARE ONE IN CONSCIOUSNESS”

Practitioner Gene Policastri

We have heard it said that we should have a radical reliance on God. The use of the term radical used by our founders does not have the same meaning today as it did back then. Rather, when they used the word radical they meant as connected at the root. At the root we are all one and are one with God. And so when we pray, we commune in consciousness with our fellows those and together our prayers actually and meaningfully alter our experiences. Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there I AM.

Directions to join 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.

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.

“PRAYER ANSWERED”

REV. PAT BEACH

Many individuals will turn to God asking for mercy, grace or abundant Life without realizing that these have already been given to us all. Those with a different understanding of God's nature know that in listening for His Word, every need is met.

"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 whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

In the deep Silence, it is revealed that God's Word is true prayer and this prayer is answered as we accept His Will and His Way as the one and only reality of all creation.

Most Wondrous God, for the privilege of listening that we may hear Your Word, we give You praise and thanks forever. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings all! The summer has come to an end and the Board will now resume its monthly meetings to keep you apprised of the financial as well as other support needed to maintain our church. These meetings occur on the second Sunday of the month. The next Board meeting will be Sunday, September 10th.

The Board is pleased to acknowledge the upcoming ordination of practitioner, Gene Policastri. We wish him well in this next step in his spiritual journey.

"That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." ...2 Timothy 3:17

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees

Fall 2023 Divine Science Class



The following fall class starts on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 9:00 am. The class will be taught virtually.

Basic Principle of Divine Science

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr., Instructor

There is no prerequisite for this class. It is open to all.

The Basic Principle of Divine Science class is the foundation on which all the other classes are built. It is during this class that the student's faith in an ever-present Presence is awakened. Practical Instruction in the application of the teaching is given from the very beginning.

The class is 10 weeks long, tuition is \$65 and the auditing fee for those repeating the class is \$35. Each class is described in the special Education Issue 2022-2023. If you are interested in taking those classes please email the church: dschurchdc@aol.com or call the church at 202-333-7630.

Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ

Ordination

It is with a feeling of great joy that the ministerial staff jointly announces the upcoming ordination of our teacher and practitioner, Eugene (Gene) Policastri.

Gene has been a member of our church for several years and during that time he has been a diligent student with a deep understanding of the teaching which he practices daily. Gene has completed all of the requirements necessary to take on the office of Divine Science Minister. These requirements include the Teacher's course, the Practitioner's course, the Ministerial Training and Practicum, all of which Gene has mastered.



On Sunday, October 29, 2023, Gene will be ordained into the Divine Science Ministry. The ordination will take place in the church library following the Sunday service. Both the service and the ordination ceremony will be live in the church library as well as virtual on Zoom.

A special celebration of Gene's ordination into the ministry will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy. The restaurant is located at 5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. If you would like to attend, please telephone the church or send an email letting us know that you will be joining us. We need a headcount no later than October 15 so that we can reserve enough places for everyone.

Immediately after the ordination Gene will become the one minister and single voice representing the Washington, DC, church. Revs, Janet, Wayne and I pledge our full support to Gene as he embarks on his ministerial journey. I know each of you will support him as well.



To RSVP the after-service reception, please telephone or email the church, and leave your full name and phone number.

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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
Access Code 662944#.



DIVINE SCIENCE STATEMENT OF BEING

God is all, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, One Mind, One Power is all.

This One that is ALL is Perfect Life,
Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.

Man is the individualized expression of God,

And is ever one with this Perfect Life,
Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.