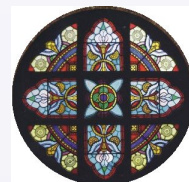


# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



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Greetings! Today is Sunday, November 7, 2021

The Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

The commandment we have from him is this:  
those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also

1 John 4:21



## The America I Believe In

Colin Powell - Washington, DC - April 11, 2005



I believe in America and I believe in our people.

Later this month, I will be participating in a ceremony at Ellis Island where I will receive copies of the ship manifest and the immigration

documents that record the arrival in America of my mother, Maud Ariel McKoy, from Jamaica aboard the motor ship Turalba in 1923. My father, Luther Powell, had arrived three years earlier at the Port of Philadelphia.

They met in New York City, married, became Americans and raised a family. By their hard work and their love for this country, they enriched this nation and helped it grow and thrive. They instilled in their children and grandchildren that same love of country and a spirit of optimism.

My family's story is a common one that has been told by millions of Americans. We are a land of immigrants: A nation that has been touched by every nation and we, in turn, touch every nation. And we are touched not just by immigrants but by the visitors who come to America and return home to tell of their experiences.

I believe that our greatest strength in dealing with the world is the openness of our society and the welcoming nature of our people. A good stay in our country is the best public diplomacy tool we have.

After 9/11 we realized that our country's openness was also its vulnerability. We needed to protect ourselves by knowing who was coming into the country, for what purpose and to know when they left. This was entirely appropriate and reasonable. Unfortunately, to many foreigners we gave the impression that we were no longer a welcoming nation. They started to go to schools and hospitals in other countries, and frankly, they started to take their business elsewhere. We can't allow that to happen. Our attitude has to be, we are glad you are here. We must be careful, but we must not be afraid.

As I traveled the world as secretary of state, I encountered anti-American sentiment. But I also encountered an underlying respect and affection for America. People still want to come here. Refugees who have no home at all know that America is their land of dreams. Even with added scrutiny, people line up at our embassies to apply to come here.

You see, I believe that the America of 2005 is the same America that brought Maud Ariel McKoy and Luther Powell to these shores, and so many millions of others. An America that each day gives new immigrants the same gift that my parents received. An America that lives by a Constitution that inspires freedom and democracy around the world. An America with a big, open, charitable heart that reaches out to people in need around the world. An America that sometimes seems confused and is always noisy. That noise has a name, it's called democracy and we use it to work through our confusion.

An America that is still the beacon of light to the darkest corner of the world.

Last year I met with a group of Brazilian exchange students who had spent a few weeks in America. I asked them to tell me about their experience here. One young girl told me about the night the 12 students went to a fast food restaurant in Chicago. They ate and then realized they did not have enough money to pay the bill. They were way short. Frightened, they finally told the waitress of their problem. She went away and she came back in a little while saying, "I talked to the manager and he said, 'It's ok.'" The students were still concerned because they thought the waitress might have to pay for it out of her salary. She smiled and she said, "No, the manager said he is glad you are here in the United States. He hopes you are having a good time, he hopes you are learning all about us. He said it's on him."

It is a story that those young Brazilian kids have told over and over about America. That's the America I believe in, that's the America the world wants to believe in.

Colin Powell spent 35 years in the military, rising from ROTC in college to become a four-star general and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the first Gulf War. He has worked in the administrations of six Presidents including serving as Secretary of State from 2001 - 2005. He passed away October 18, 2021



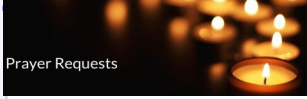
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



### God's healing presence:

- For continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway**
- For **Dick Glass, Fritz Wainwright, Jean Miller, Dave Hammell, Michelle Cox & Jack Harkins**
- For Carol Shore's nephew, **Lonny** who was choppered to Abington this week and is currently on kidney dialysis  
And her sister-in-law **Faye Eckert** who has covid and is struggling with her son, **Lonny's** condition
- For Heidi's cousin, **Brad** who passed away and her **Aunt Sharon**
- For Ginny's sister, **Janet** and her friend, **Elaine**
- For **Jim Chambers Uncle** who has recently suffered two heart attacks
- For Joe & Edna's son **Michael**
- For Polly's daughter, **Eva**

### God's comfort:

For those who serve as caregivers

### For God's guidance & understanding:

For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

For good shepherds in our pulpit

For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.



The Missions Committee is holding a Cereal Drive to support local children in need of nourishing breakfasts. Please drop off your cereal donations to the back of the sanctuary or to the CE building.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday November 21st immediately following 9:00 AM service.

We will hold our Annual Meeting Part I for the election of new Session members the coming term

Please plan to attend.



### Operation Christmas Child

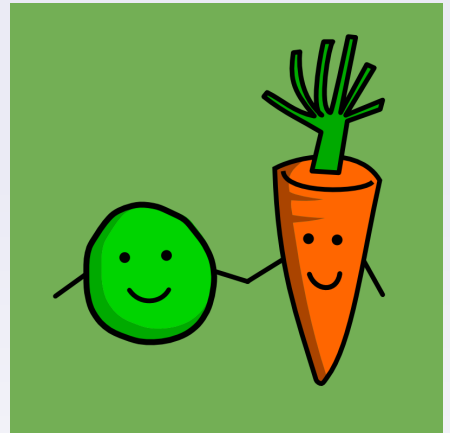
Shoeboxes are available in the rear of the church. Filled boxes must be returned to the church by Thursday, November 18th.

Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you for all your recipe contributions!

Peas & Carrots may we have some more!

Yum!!





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One of Britain's last surviving D-Day heroes returned home from France after completing his 'final mission'—and got straight back out collecting for the 68th consecutive year.

96-year-old Harry Billinge has completed what he described as his 'last duty' to pay tribute to his fallen friends who died on the Gold Beach during the landings in 1944.

He traveled back across the Channel to support a tribute recording the names of all 22,442 service personnel who died under British command on D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

And after collecting at least £50K (\$67k) towards the construction of the memorial, he said he was incredibly moved to see the names of his fallen friends carved in stone during the unveiling last month.

But instead of coming home to St Austell, Cornwall, to put his feet up—Harry has already been out collecting again to help maintain it and build an education center on the site.

He has now spent an incredible 68 years raising money for military charities—and said his new-found 'celebrity status' meant people were queuing this week to put money in his tin.

Harry was a former chair of the Cornwall branch of the Normandy Veterans Association, President of the Royal Engineers Association, and collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 64 years.

In 2018, he turned his support to The Normandy Memorial Trust where he has since raised more than £50k through collecting at his local market.

Having returned from France, Harry described himself as 'tired' but happy."

He added, "I don't think I could give you words to it, about how I felt.

"It was very, very moving for me, and it still moves me now. I had a wonderful time because everyone there knows me now in Normandy."

Harry was just 18 in 1944, serving with the 59th Independent Squadron of the Royal Engineers when he was part of the first wave on Gold Beach.

At the memorial—which cost nearly £30 million (\$40 million) and was funded by the British government and private benefactors—Harry recounted how overwhelmed he was to see the name of his friend, a brother in arms who died on Gold Beach that day.

"I found a couple of my mate's graves there, namely a man called Leeds, he had a three-week-old baby at the time when he died.

"He died in my arms.

"My generation saved the world".

"Everything I've done has been for the memorial... I'm not a proud man," he said, "pride is a deadly sin, but I am very happy that I was able to collect money and do my bit."





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WHAT IS A VETERAN? YOU START WITH A YOUNG PERSON WHO PASSES ALL THE TESTS

NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH

MANY OF THEM FACE DEATH OR INJURIES THAT CAN CHANGE THEIR WHOLE LIVES

