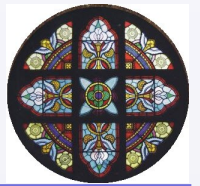


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Greetings! Today is Sunday, December 12, 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen."

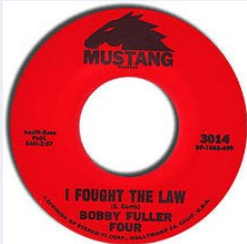


The Reason For The Season

Randy York - Florence, NJ - December 12, 2021

We are surrounded. Christmas is all over the place. Houses aglow with lights, stores packed with shoppers, television specials, and carols and songs on the radio 24-7. Most Christmas songs are welcome listening, melodies and lyrics set aside for a year returning like an old friend to set the right mood. After a constant cycle of replays though, it's time to turn the dial.

Thank goodness I heard a new holiday song last week on the Sixties Channel. It was lively and upbeat and it definitely set the tone for the season. For your holiday listening pleasure, I recommend to you "I Fought the Law" by the Bobby Fuller Four. Now, you're probably concerned for Barbara thinking that I've lost what little of a mind I had left. She obviously deserves your thoughts and prayers where I'm concerned, but just hear me out on this one.



As the saying goes, Jesus is the reason for the season. But what about the reason He had to empty Himself and enter our world, a world He created in the first place. It's that inconvenient three letter word: sin. God gave us simple rules to live by and we selfishly made a hash of them. Ravi Zacharias once said, "The reason we have 17,000 pages in our law books is because we cannot follow ten lines on a tablet made of stone." It's even worse than that since Jesus simplified it to a mere two: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul and love your neighbor as yourself. There lies the problem, I'm a sinner. I have stepped up to the plate and have gone 0 for those commands. I fought God's law and the law won. It has cast a searchlight on me. I am the wretch the song refers to. I am the prodigal in the parable. I am the thief on the cross.

The good news is that the commandments are not a ladder on which we attempt to climb as achievement. No, they are a mirror into which we look and become aware of our condition. A time to consider our situation and admit, "Truth is Lord, I just don't think I measure up to your expectations." To which Jesus replies, "That's alright, that's why I came at Christmas. It was not for glitz, spectacle and decorations. It was a rescue mission." Ah! A thrill of hope indeed. A new and glorious morn. A fresh sheet of paper.



I was listening to a radio program last week and heard a commentator say, "As we walk beyond what we have been living through, we have a world to remake." Remake the world? That's a bridge too far. My leap of faith is to realize fully the immensity of what God has



done in light of what I haven't. To consider His all-encompassing agape love in light of my pale, wavering, circumstantial substitute. To stand in the convicting searchlight and know I am, we are forgiven. Sin has reckoned us, as the old prophet Willie Nelson wrote, as God's problem child. Jesus has dealt with the problem for us. We need to realize, repent, and return.

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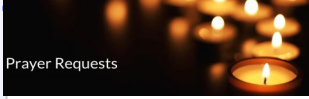
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

- For continued prayers for Wendy Kasper, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway
- For Dick Glass, Fritz Wainwright, Jean Miller, & Dave Hammell
- For Joe Celkupa, Polly Grobelny, & Alice Garman
- For Polly's brother, Fred & his wife, Caroline

God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For the Jensen family in their time of grief and need
- For Jerrie Glass and her family upon the passing of Dick Glass

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 safe & secure travel and for those who work to provide it

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



Date	Time	Event
Sunday, December 12, 2021	9:00 AM	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 19, 2021	9:00 AM	4th Sunday of Advent
Friday, December 24, 2021	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 26, 2021	9:00 AM	Sunday Service
Sunday, January 2, 2022	9:00 AM	Sunday Service



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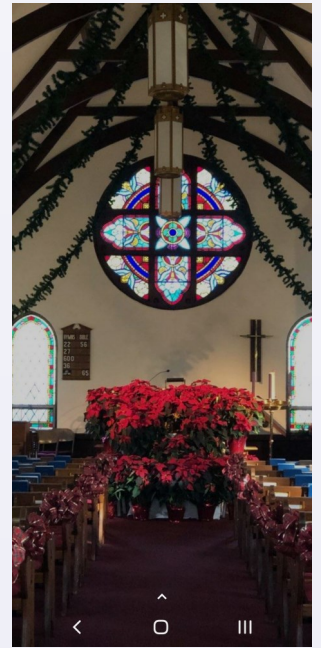
Poinsettias for Christmas

**If you wish to provide a Poinsettia for
Christmas Eve Service.**

**You may drop off poinsettias in the Sanctuary
Monday December 20 through Wednesday
December 22 from 10 AM to 4 PM and
Thursday December 23 from 10 AM to Noon.**

**Please contact Barbara about flowers given in
memory of or in honor of...**

(609) 499-2753 or ppch1@provpresch.org



This year marks the 3rd annual "Coats for kids" collection.

So I am reaching out to those who may have the ability to provide a basic necessity to children in our community that aren't as fortunate as we are.

The Sisterhood ministry is in need of new or gently used winter coats for kids.

All sizes are welcomed, either for a boy or girl, as the demand is great.

They could also use gloves, scarves or hats.

Coats will be collected through the end of January. Drop off can be made either in church or I can pick them up. Just email me at: yorkie0401@gmail.com.

**Thank you.
Barbara York**



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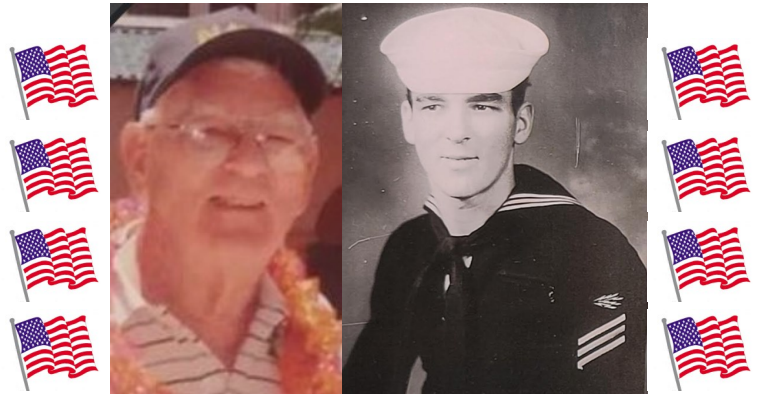
The Reason For The Season...

Folks, there's no place like home for the holidays. Our Abba Father calls us to come on home. Yes, I'll be home for Christmas. I'll walk through that door of His amazing grace. I'll wrap myself in His unconditional love. I'll feel the warm comfort of His peace. Heavenly peace. True peace. I'll watch the solitary candle give its light, then as it's passed, I'll see that light multiplied to erase the remains of the darkness. I'll meet Him in that light. I'll reach out to know His heart, to renew mine, and to embrace the hearts of others. Not for a day or even a season. Christmas is for life. Christmas is life. For God so loved that He gave and we have life. And on the 26th, I'll take Jackson Browne's advice, "And when the morning light comes streaming in I'll get up and do it again. Amen."



Becky Goff's Mother, Linda Jensen was tragically lost this week. Our hearts and most certainly our prayers go out to her entire family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Monday, December 13, 2021, from 12-1 PM at Huber-Moore Funeral Home 517 Farnsworth Ave, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Services and burial in Bordentown Cemetery that follows will be held privately for her family.



Richard "Dick" Glass passed on to be with the Lord this week.

A viewing will be held Friday Evening, December 17, 2021 and a Funeral Service and burial will be held Saturday morning, December 18, 2021 followed by a luncheon in the CE Building hosted by the Presbyterian Women. Times and locations for the and services are not finalized as of this writing.

Our prayers are with Jerrie and the Glass family.



The Missions committee is asking members to buy a gift for one of the 27 men who reside at Dogwood Cottage at the New Lisbon's Developmental Center. Their requests are posted on gift tags located on the bulletin board in the back of the church. They are not on the trees in front of the sanctuary. If you take a tag, please make sure the gift is wrapped and placed in the back of the church by Sunday, December 19th. Please put a tag on the package so that we know who it is for. The gifts will be delivered to the cottage before Christmas, along with goodies and refreshments for a party. Thank you for your generosity!



Wednesday, December 15th is Alice Garman's birthday! Please take a moment to send her a card and well wishes at:

Alice Garman
c/o Severino
23958 Kinnairds Point Drive
Worton, MD 21678



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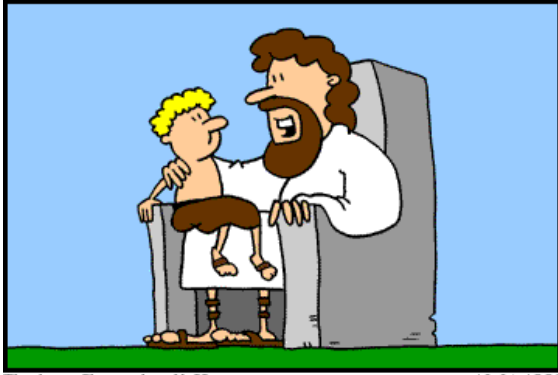


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



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Thanks to Christopher Huffman 12-24-1998
HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?

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Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2010
THIS IS LIKE TOTALLY THE COOLEST THING THAT HAS EVEN HAPPENED IN THIS STABLE!

