

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



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# January 30, 2022 - Fourth Sunday In The Epiphany

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. (Lk 12:48)

## **Don't Sweat the Small Stuff**

Kenneth - Louisville, KY - August 31, 2014

For as long as I can remember, I have made it a point to look for purpose in my life whether it be in the things that I have said or done, the people in my life that I've met, or the choices that I've made both big and small. I believe that by finding that purpose one can truly appreciate life at its most basic element. Too many times in this modern age, we get caught up on the small details. These small details can eventually snow ball into larger details and problems taking us away from looking at the "big picture." I strive every day to look at that big picture and know that there is a purpose for what I am doing. Throughout high school and college, I would fixate myself on those small details and problems. I thought that in order to be an intelligent, well-rounded person, those small details can make a huge difference. At first glance, yes, that's true. However, with this constant barrage of worry and anxiety, I began to realize that life is so much more than the small details.



During spring break of my senior year of college, I decided to forgo the traditional beach trip to Florida and instead went with a couple of friends to a monastery in Illinois. The brothers or "monks" that live there live in total silence for a majority of the week. That means no talking, no music, no television, and no phones. With much apprehension, I arrived to that monastery on a cold, snowy day. For the next four days and three nights, I spoke to no one, not even to my friends who were also there, and took in that silence with absolutely no expectations, just inexplicable thought and constant prayer.



Looking at those monks who devote all of their time to God with no worry of the material, secular world brought home to me one importance: life is transient. Walking around the monastery and observing monastic life, I saw just how important it is to take time out of your day, set aside all stress, talk with God, and be humble. Humility is an important virtue that really allowed me to know that yes, I will experience stress, and yes, times might be hard, but there is a purpose for all of this.

Many people use the cliché "life is too short" quote to reason through the stressful times that we all experience. I like to now think of life as a series of purposes pushing me towards goals that have not been fully realized yet. During times of high stress or greatest relief and happiness, I believe that there is a purpose acting as a mysterious pusher allowing me to go places that I have never imagined, meeting people that I've never imagined I would meet, and bringing me ever closer to unimagined goals and successes.





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## **Providence Presbyterian COVID Update**

We are returning to In Person Worship this week. Cases in the County, the State, and the Northeast region continue to decrease. We ask that everyone entering the sanctuary to please be masked for the well being and health of others.

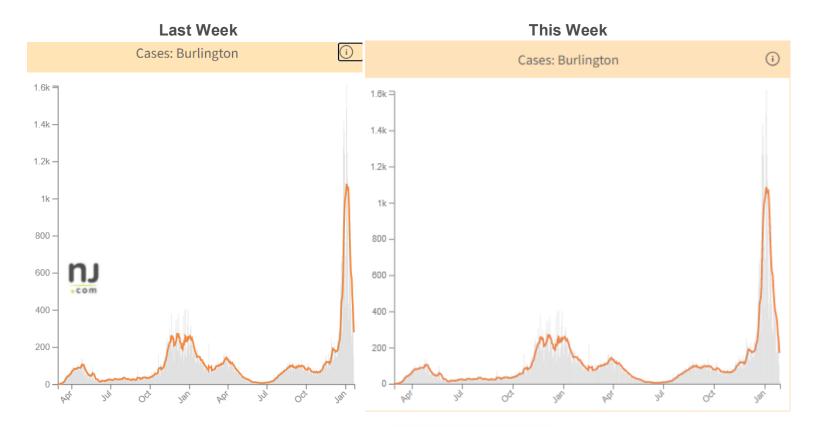
Please also remember that if you decide not to brave the weather this week that you can watch our streams live or delayed on YouTube and Facebook.

If you need COVID Testing, you can receive a free test from the State of New Jersey. The link for that is: <u>Vault Health</u> or if you need speedier results you can make an appointment for a drive-thru test via <a href="https://www.virtua.org/services/community-covid-19-testing">https://www.virtua.org/services/community-covid-19-testing</a>

You can also get four free home test kits per household from the U.S. government at https://www.covidtests.gov/

If you are not already fully vaccinated and boosted, please do so to reduce your chances of getting sick and to alleviate the severity of the virus if you do become ill.

## Stay Safe — Stay Warm — Stay Healthy



Click on either image to the right to connect to our presence on YouTube or Facebook.







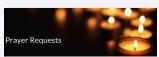
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



## God's healing presence:

For continued prayers for Wendy Kasper, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway

For Fritz Wainwright, Polly Grobelny, Hayley Morris & Jean Miller

For Barb & Dave Hammell, Joe Celkupa, and Phil Leifels

For Jack Harkins who has been released from the hospital to a Rehabilitation Center

For Carol Shore's sister Karen Eckert who has been admitted to the hospital for possible surgery

For Marleigh, the three year old daughter of Jane Cheslo's cousin, Becca and her husband Dee. She was diagnosed with grade IV ATRT in the pineal region. This is a very rare aggressive cancer. Their biggest prayer request now is that her spinal tap is negative for all cancer cells, and the most important that she grows old."

#### God's comfort:

For those who serve as caregivers

For Jerrie Glass because we love her

## 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 Marge Hull as she rises from the keyboard to retirement. THANK YOU

For Austin as he takes his seat at the organ. WELCOME

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





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





# **A Birthday Wish:**

We pray for God to keep you strong,

To fill your days with joyful song.

We pray for Heaven's watchful eye,

To guide you as the days go by.



Lisa Huber February 1

> ... Happy Birthday





Kathy Owens
February 6





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