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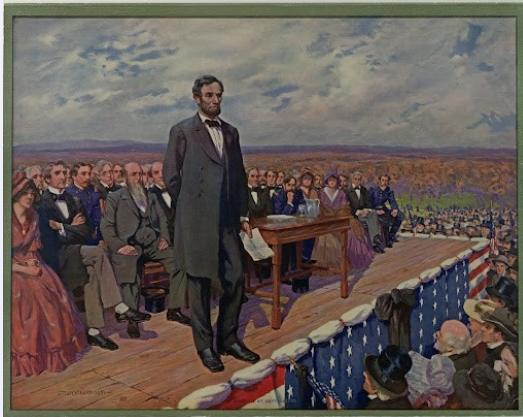
**"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long
as it is the home of the brave."**

- Elmer Davis



The 26 Second Sermon

Randy York — Florence, New Jersey — November 13, 2022



Next Saturday will mark the 159th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It is recognized as one of history's greatest speeches, yet it contains a

mere 272 words. Greatness isn't necessarily measured by size. True greatness is found in content and character. In overlooking the seemingly ordinary, you just might miss the extraordinary.

We can quickly call to mind the handful of outsized characters of the Bible and their exploits: Moses and the Red Sea, David and Goliath, the lives of Peter and Paul. But there are many more ordinary folks who moved the Biblical narrative forward by their simple lives and action outside the spotlight: the widow at Zarephath, the woman at the well, the lame man at Bethesda, the faith of the Roman centurion. For every major prophet, there were three minor prophets. For every cathedral, there are many simple country churches.

Which brings me to the 26 second sermon. It was given last Sunday afternoon in our church. Were you there and did you witness it? If not cue up the video of the ordination & installation from this Sunday passed. Then fast forward to the 1 hour 34 minute 45 second mark. Now focus in on the next 26 seconds. It will serve as the best 26 second sermon you will ever see. Pastor Inna steps up in the pulpit for the first time in the entire service. She has been preceded by folks reading and praying, by clergy speaking and sermonizing.

She looks out over the congregation and simply says, "I need to thank my Lord and Savior first of all." She then turns to her left, takes hold of the cross on the wall, and spends some time in quiet contemplation. A whole lot of words came out of that pulpit during the ceremony, but for this watching pilgrim, nothing that came before had the impact those precious 26 seconds provided.

At that moment I witnessed a simple woman crack open the alabaster jar of her life. She worshipped her Lord in thankful recognition of his saving, guiding hand in her life. In that moment, that wonderful, spontaneous, teaching moment, she bathed herself in her Savior's presence. She opened a window to the spiritual relationship she has cultivated over many years of travel on rough and challenging terrain. It was Inna and her God. Those present were just blessed bystanders to this miracle of faith. As I watched in wonder, my only thought was a paraphrase of John the Baptist, "I am not fit to untie her shoes."



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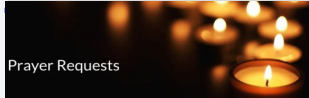
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Prayer Requests

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 Fritz & Jean Wainwright, Jean Miller, and Fran Kraft
- For Joe Celkupa under medical care
- For Phil recovering from a deep cut
- For Millie's niece Sally
- For Christy Brock awaiting MRI results
- For Maritza Chambers' sister Elba and her brother Angel
- For Aiden Witte, Brittany Zier & Marleigh
- For Polly Grobelny recovering from her surgery
- For Ginny Heal, recovering from medical treatment
- For Carol Shore's nephew, Mike Troy who was taken to the ER. He has lung cancer with metastasis to the brain
- For Jack Harkins healing after a complicated surgical procedure
- For Liz Duffy dealing with Alzheimer's and patience for her family
- For Wendy's nephew Shawn dealing with cancer.

God's comfort:

- For the people of [Ukraine](#)

For God's Guidance and Assistance:

- For Pastor Inna's mom and family in Kiev

For God's Traveling Mercies:

- For Carol Shore traveling to Pennsylvania for her brother Harold's funeral.

In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For God's providence for Pastor Inna & our Session
- For the Saints and Souls who continue to bless our congregation





Inna Moment



The Prophet Malachi by Duccio di Buoninsegna,
c. 1310

God sent his only Son Jesus Christ to meet with us at the level of our most basic humanness – at the Table – “which involves our need not just for food but for each other. I need you to help fill my emptiness just as you need me to help fill yours. As for the emptiness that’s still left over, well, we’re in it together, or it in us. Maybe it’s most of what makes us human and makes us brothers and sisters” (Frederick Buechner). Jesus shared meals with people he loved throughout his earthly life – common suppers, miraculous feasts, a wedding banquet, and the covenant commemorations. On the night before his death, Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples and asked them to remember him by keeping this feast. Come this Sunday as we gather at the Lord’s Table and join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to our God.



“Communion/Eucharist” by Cara B. Hochhalter



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There are plenty of Christians who just visit with God on Sunday and give him a few minutes here and there out of ritual or want. Then there are those ordinary mystics who quietly stand in his presence in every moment, who know him deeply and personally. Those gracious travelers who take firm hold of God, their lives a daily testament to their faith. We watch and we see and that's their gospel to us.

So many times we hear the word of God preached and faith is resurrected in our lives. But then we walk on out and let the things of the world have at us and tamp it right back down. God speaks to us in all the moments of our life. The challenge is to be aware enough to get the message. My friends, I urge myself as well as you, hold on to that 26 second sermon. Don't let it slip away, because it speaks of something eternal. It speaks of a holy relationship offered and accepted. It speaks of a God with us, not just as a way of speaking, but a loving, tangible Father. Alive in us when we ponder the stars in the night sky as well as when we embrace a needy soul in desperate need of that touch.

My sisters and brothers, as we move forward in this new season for our church, we are truly in the hands of a faith-full servant. We are in humble hands. We are surely in good hands. In the hands of a woman whose faith has been forged in her journey. A woman of quiet, sincere devotion. A woman whose meekness speaks of strength, living, yielded, God centered strength.

Welcome home Pastor Inna!
Welcome home indeed. May you lead us into God's outstretched arms of grace. It's a road you know well. May your story mix with ours and may we write a new chapter together to the glory of God.



The Presbyterian Women are pleased to announce their first annual Christmas Brunch and Bible Study on Tuesday, December 6th at 11am. After brunch and fellowship the story of Mary will be shared as part of their study of Women of the New Testament.

Please RSVP to Carol or Marie so they may provide enough food.



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Never Too Early Holiday Schedule*



Date	Time	Event
Friday, November 25, 2022	7:00 PM	Hanging Of The Greens
Sunday, November 27, 2022	9:00 AM	1st Sunday of Advent
	4:00 PM	Christmas Vespers
Sunday, December 4, 2022	9:00 AM	2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11, 2022	9:00 AM	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, 2022	9:00 AM	4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 24, 2021	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service

*Updates & Amendments TBA

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Part I

Sunday, November
27, 2022

Right After Service

Election of Elders

Review Budget



Holiday Open House





LORD I GIVE YOU MY HEART

Barbara Hammell

I wanted to share something with my church friends that I just recently read. I have been reading this before I start my day.

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me, your father, and all mankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.



ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF REV. INNA NIKOLYUKIN

If you were unable to attend the ordination and installation of our new minister, Rev. Inna Nikolyukin, I wanted to let you know that this was my first ordination I attended. I was so attentive to all the quest speakers and the sermon given, it was full of energy, caring, and laughter. It really held my undivided attention. I was told after the ceremony that Dr. Nina Reeder, who gave the sermon, was Inna's mentor.

Rev. Inna Nikolyukin was so humble and grateful that I was full of such joy for her that it brought me to tears of happiness for her. She is truly a child of God that devotes her time, energy and caring for others. I feel that we are so blessed to have her as our Minister at the Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton.

Barbara Hammell



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Session Highlights from November 9, 2022, Meeting

Our Session met this past week and discussed the following items:

Pastor Inna, would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who welcomed her and helped with the refreshments in celebrating her ordination.

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the church service on November 27, 2022, for the sole purpose of electing new Elders.

On Thursday, November 24, 2022, there will be a lay service at 10:00, a.m., in the church.

On Friday, November 25, 2022, we will be "hanging the greens," in the church. Please come out and help. This will be at 6:30, p.m.

On Sunday, November 27, 2022, we will have a vesper service at 4:00, p.m., with potluck refreshments to follow.

Three new security cameras have been installed, two on the manse and one on the C. E. building, and a new roof on the C. E. building.

In Christ Name,

Margo Mattis, Clerk of Session



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We will be collecting plastic bags from the store, your pantry and your front door, i.e. produce, store, and ice bags; Ziploc and other recloseable bags, cereal box liners, bread bags; and newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, and bubble wrap, for a recycling project. Please see Michelle Cox for more details.





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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

