

Lakeside Temple of Practical Christianity

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Sunday Lessons in December

December 3 - Minister
Music and Meditation

December 10 - Minister
Christ Shall Give Us Light

December 17 - Minister
Perfect Peace

December 24 - Minister
Bethlehem

December 31 - Trudi Christina
Robinson
To Be Announced

Sunday Schedule

10:50 a.m. - Organ Prelude

11:00 a.m. - Nursery, Junior Temple,
and Youth Group

11:00 a.m. - Devotional Service

12:15 p.m. - Social Hour

Dear Friends,

Ah, the holidays. Perhaps they were once a time when we slowed down. Now they have become hurried, for most of us.

Evelyn Underhill, an English spiritual teacher, wrote an essay: "The Mastery Of Time." She said that whenever we say, "I haven't got time!", time has got us instead.

Why did Jesus never seem to hurry? Because He was Lord of time - He knew the one thing that really counted in each moment. Even when he was in the middle of a crowd clamoring for His attention, He patiently focused fully on one person at a time. He knew there is no such thing as multi-tasking. The still small inner voice will tell each of us what to do in any moment, too - as we let it.

Jesus consistently lived in the present moment. He said,

*Take therefore no anxious thought for the morrow:
for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.
- Matthew 6:34*

We feel hurried because we feel the weight of all the things we think we have to do. But we delude ourselves. It's not all up to us - God is present and active, and God is Divine Order. We have all the time, energy and resources to do all that is ours to do. And one of the things that is ours to do is to quietly nurture the Christ within and radiate Peace to all in our world. This heals us and helps others.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. - Matthew 1:23

God is with us, now and always. Let us relax!
Merry Christmas!

Lovingly,
In God's Service

Jennifer Lilburn

Office Hours

Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Prayer Ministry

Lakeside Temple maintains a 24-hour prayer line. All requests are confidential. During office hours please call 834-8852 and ask for the prayer ministry. After hours you may call this same number and either leave a request or call the numbers given in the message, or email your prayer request to: "prayer@lakesidetemple.org."

Members of our prayer groups lovingly devote their time to praying with your requests.

Counseling Department

Our counselors are devoted to maintaining a prayerful consciousness, and all sessions are confidential.

If you would like to make a counseling appointment, please call 834-8852.

Counselors are:

The Reverend Jennifer Lilburn, Minister; Rose Cardiasmenos, Chaplain; and licensed teacher/counselors Carolyn Chofre, Anna W. Edwards, Joan Hause, Lisa Lemus, Richard McCall, and Trudi Christina Robinson.

This ministry is supported solely by love offerings and voluntary tithes of our members and friends. If you feel unable to give at this time, please do not let this deter you from making an appointment.

THE JESUS CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE HEAD OF THIS MINISTRY. WE ARE OPEN, RECEPTIVE, RESPONSIVE AND EAGER TO COOPERATE WITH THIS INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE.

Holiday Calendar



Sunday, December 3

Music & Meditation, 11 AM

Christmas Music Celebration, 1:30 PM

Coffee & Christmas Cookies, 2:30 PM

Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share! Patricia Harre will host this gathering.

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Service, 11 AM

No Social Hour

Candlelighting Service, 7:15 PM

Light individual candles for those people and circumstances that move your heart. Then join in deep, peaceful meditation.

At 8:00 PM, our Minister begins our beautiful service. We light a candle for each of the twelve Disciples, meditating upon the twelve corresponding spiritual faculties within our own consciousness.

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Service, 11 AM

Sunday, January 7

Epiphany Service, 11 AM



Quotes for December

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



*.for it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than
at Christmas, when its mighty founder was a child Himself.*
- Charles Dickens ("A Christmas Carol")

Book Of The Month

The book of the month is "The Impersonal Life," by Joseph S. Benner.
Here is a quote:
"I AM the Tree of Life within you. My Life will and must push forth...
You who have begun to realize I AM within, but have not yet learned to
commune with Me, listen and learn now."

Weekly Activities

Wednesday and Thursday Afternoons

12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.....Daily Word

Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.mHealing Meditation Service

Mary Watkins, piano

December 5 - Minister, December 12 - Joan Hause,
December 19 - Jennifer Groebe, December 26 - **Temple closed**

Classes

Tuesday & Friday

7:30 p.m. - Singing WorkshopDietrich Erbelding

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - "Old Testament Interpretation" Minister
No class December 27.

Thursday

4:30 p.m. - Body Awareness Class Sherry Jacobs

Sunday

1:30 p.m. - "The Healing Code" Trudi Christina Robinson

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Meditation Theme for December

I now prepare myself
to accept my own
indwelling Christ,
and It is born a living
Presence within my
consciousness.

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*Let the Joy of the New Birth uplift you.
and the Peace of God enfold you!*

Our Temple will be closed Tuesday & Wednesday, December 26 & 27, 2017.

Temple Prayer

“Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10, 11

Good tidings of great joy!

As we enter the city of Peace within,

*We see the Christ Consciousness born in us,
Good tidings of great joy!
shining brighter than ever.*

*Here is the Way, the Truth, and the Light – right here.
Good tidings of great joy!
This Light is within all people, and for all people.*

*Unto us is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Good tidings of great joy!
In our consciousness is born a new understanding.*

*A new understanding of freedom is growing.
Good tidings of great joy!
With this understanding, the nations are quietly being healed.*

Good tidings of great joy!

Jennifer Lilburn, Minister