



Join us Sunday at 9:30 or 11:00 as we celebrate God's love for us!

Pastor's sermon is titled "Favored Ones" from [Luke 1:26-38](#).

Our bell choir will play, and Louise Speitel will light the third candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of Love. *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that we might have eternal life."*

Our young people will be sharing Christmas Joy at Absecon Manor during the 9:30 worship hour.

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All poinsettia orders and Mission Bouquets are due in the office **Monday morning**. Please use the form in your bulletin or download from [our website](#) and submit with payment by using the offering plates.

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Don't forget to check your mailbox. Offering envelopes, the pastor's Christmas letter, etc. are in them. There are also free calendars on top of the mailboxes courtesy of Parsels.

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Presents for the Angel Tree are due Sunday. Please put them under the tree in the vestibule. (Remember, if you miss the deadline you are responsible for delivering gifts.)

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Sunday is our Cents-Ability offering. Please use the lunch containers at the entranceways.

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Our first Christmas caroling event is this Friday at 6:00 p.m. We will conclude at the manse with hot chocolate and snacks. We will also go caroling on Sunday, Dec. 21, and Monday, Dec. 22.

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Last weekend was a big one at our church. Many thanks to Joanie and al who worked on the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble concert. Thanks also to JoAnn Sabo and helpers for their work on the Twelve Days of

Christmas event. Thanks to the kids and readers for a great job, too. Many thanks as well to Tina Harvey and all who worked on the Birthday Party for Jesus. The food was great, and so were the cupcakes. Several boxes and bags of scarves, mittens, hats, etc. were taken to Sister Jean's people on Thursday.

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Remember, Deadlines are Important!

“Good Morning” (Sunday bulletin announcements) – Noon Wednesday

“The Presby Post” (Friday email) – Noon Thursday

“Good News” (monthly newsletter) – 9:00 a.m. on the 20th of the month

All articles are to be **in writing** and submitted to the office (email preferred) by the due date. Please keep in mind it may be necessary to edit articles due to space limitations in our printed publications.

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Have you returned your 2015 estimate of giving card and Talent Bank form? It's not too late! You can return them on Sunday in the Silver Gift Box or drop them in the offering plate. Snail Mail still works, too!

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Our pastor's last Sunday with us is December 28. His retirement event will be on Jan. 18. (There will be one service that day at 10:00 a.m.) Cost is \$20 adults/\$15 for children **ages 10 and under**. Make checks payable to the Absecon Presbyterian Church, and send your reservation indicating your meal choice (Egg Battered Chicken Breast, Sautéed Beef Tips, or Marinated Salmon Filet) and number of people attending to Dawn Duran (609)287-2411, 335 Buffalo Ave., Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215.

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Our supply of **peanut butter and jam** for Sister Jean's sandwiches is very low. If you are able to donate either item please leave them in the kitchen marked for the Deacons.

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114 lbs. of groceries were delivered this week to the Community Food Bank! Many thanks to all who have been giving so generously. Due to the overwhelming need the Deacons will continue this collection throughout the winter months.

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Vic & Anna Mae offer a thank you to our church family for the cards, prayers, love and encouragement during the recent home going of Vic's mom, Marian Werner. Also, Ruth Champion passes on her thanks to the wonderful people who made her 90th birthday so special!

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Sister Jean's cupcake fundraiser was a success! We'll be blessing this ministry with an additional \$96 and change for this Christmas season. Amen! Thanks to all of our baker's and supporters.

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Much thanks again to the many that made our 12 Days of Christmas presentation so special . . . especially Donna Hughes for the "Golden Gates of Heaven" through which each gift came, and Scott Sabo for the slide show that kept everyone engaged. Much thanks for the musical talents of Kassie & Libby Little, as well as Mrs. Plum's "Chosen Few" with Elena & Terry. Budd Burgess was a blessing during both Saturday's dress rehearsal and live presentation (what an awesome voice!) Franklin, Jordan & Chris were appreciated as well. Gratitude for everyone using their Gifts to serve the Lord. Amen! In His Service, JoAnn Sabo

If you missed it, there will be a follow up in The Good News

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Community Events

Wreaths Across America will be coming to cemeteries around the country on December 13. Wreaths are placed on a veteran's grave in thanks for their service. In Absecon there will be brief ceremony at 10:00 AM at the Methodist cemetery followed by a ceremony at the Presbyterian cemetery where a wreath will be placed on one representative veteran's grave. The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 9462 in Absecon is expanding the program this year to place a wreath on every veteran's grave at the Methodist cemetery; next year the plan is to honor every veteran at the Presbyterian cemetery. You are welcome to join us as we remember our servicemen and women.

Absecon Senior Citizens are invited to attend the annual Holiday Gathering at the Marsh Gymnasium Wednesday, Dec. 17, 10:30-Noon. There will be entertainment followed by lunch. All seniors are welcome; an R.S.V.P. is not required to attend.

A Blue Christmas Service will be held at St. John's United Church of Christ on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this special worship service for people suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief this holiday season.

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Sunday Servants

Lay Assistants

9:30 Russ Adkisson
11:00 Dawn Duran

Deacons Guest Book

9:30 Naida Burgess

Head Ushers

9:30 Don & Debora Wong
11:00 Jean Delesantro, Joanna Howell

Acolyte

9:30 Elisa Wong

Collection

9:30 Jack & Dee Heil

Nursery

9:30 Fran Tanner

Refreshments

Russell & Linda Adkisson
David & Judy Stebbins

Van Driver

Barbara Hughes

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up – Kris Jenoriki
Cook – Bryan Hawkes

Clean-up – Vic & Rita Abelson

Please Remember in Prayer

Jack Hanlon

Betsy Cunius

Melissa Wooding

Bob Gillis

This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday

8:45 Breakfast

9:30 Worship

Sunday School to Absecon Manor

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Worship

Monday

1:15 Bible Study

6:00 Senior Youth

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

12:00 Serve at Sister Jean's

6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday

6:00 Christmas Caroling

Saturday

9:00 Good News Deadline