

*Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."*

*Matthew 11:4-6*

Please join us in worship at 9:00a or 10:30a on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent. Pastor's sermon is titled "They Talk Alike, They Walk Alike, What a Crazy Pair!" from [Isaiah 35:1-8](#), [Luke 1:39-55](#), [Matthew 11:2-11](#)

### **Please Remember in Prayer**

Family of John Rogge (Lee Wolff's father) - Laura Warrener - Frances Weir - Perry Family - Bill Tilley - Jean Delesantro - Betsy Cunius - Dan Hughes - Jerry Hoenes - Doris Steele - JoAnne Morgan - Marge Loeb - Carol Thomas - Carol DeLaurentis - Edith Budd - Zack Perry - Lucy & Don Croneberger - Linda & Bob Gillis - Aidan & Wendy Licolli - Jim Mong - Ellen Plum - Dorie Keener - Russ Adkisson - Virginia Loeb - Marjorie McGuigan - Mildred Felsberg - Robin McBrearty - Ava Addams - Nancy Shaw - Lea Maxwell - Jessica Lobaz - Joyce Richard - Barbara Ferguson - Linda Gonzales -

Those who will be hearing the Good News of the of the Savior perhaps for the first time

Those who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones during the holiday season

The poor and the homeless

Church programs and events

Future members of Absecon Presbyterian Church

Families experiencing unexpected turmoil and transition

Members of our Armed Forces and First Response Teams

Victims of fires, hate crimes, storms, and other disasters around the world

Christians in Pakistan & the Middle East, People of South Sudan

Pastor Udo, his Churches & all Christians in Nigeria

Conflict and unrest throughout our nation and around the world

### **Sunday Servants, December 15**

#### Lay Assistant

Priscilla Schultheis

#### Head Ushers

Ann Wallace & Betty Price

#### Offering

Loretta Metz & Alice Smith

#### Acolyte

Jack Little

#### Nursery & PreK

Christina Smith & Claire Mangione

#### Van Driver

Tina Brown

#### Deacon of the Month

Betsy Eberhard

#### Refreshments

Linda Gillis

#### Counting Team

Ann Wallace & Betty Price

#### Breakfast Crew

Set-up: Franklin Nale, Cook: Dirk Williamson, Clean-up: Tina Brown

**This Week in Our Church**

**Sunday**

- 9:00a Liturgy of the Seasons
- 9:30a Pancake Breakfast
- 9:45a Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15a Nursery & PreK, ages birth to 4
- 10:30a Worship
- 11:00a Grades K-6 move to classes
- 2:00p Caroling
- 9:00p God Is Faithful Church

**Monday**

- 10:00a AA Support Group
- 11:30a 3rd Monday Fellowship Lunch

**Tuesday**

- 8:30a APC Prayer
- 4:30p King of Kings
- 9:00p God Is Faithful Church

**Wednesday**

- 10:00a AA Support Group
- 4:45p Rock Solid & New Disciples
- 5:30p Chris Tomlin Concert
- 7:30p Adult Bible Study
- 8:00p AA Support Group

**Thursday**

- Schuler Security Alarm Inspection

**Friday**

- 9:00a January Newsletter Deadline
- 10:00a AA Support Group
- 8:00p AA Support Group

**Saturday**

- 7:30p AA Support Group
- 9:30p AA 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Support Group

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Funeral services for Lee Wolff's father John Rogge will be held at 11am Saturday, Dec. 14th at the Community Presbyterian Church in Brigantine. Visitations will be from 6-7:30pm on Friday,

Dec. 13th and Saturday from 10 until the service. Our thoughts and prayers go with the family.

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Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
APC presents  
An Evening With The  
Inspirational Choral Ensemble of Second Baptist Church of Atlantic City!

Suggested Donation - \$10.00  
Ages 18/Under and Students Free

All proceeds will support the Inspirational Choral Ensemble  
and the ministries of Absecon Presbyterian Church

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**3rd Monday Fellowship Lunch** is Dec. 16. A time of devotions and communion begins at 11:30 with lunch at noon. Lisa Whitaker will be our guest. The menu includes lasagna and salad with dessert and beverage. Please sign up on the **PINK** clipboard so we know how many to prepare for. **Van service is available for the 11:30 service with your return ride after lunch. Call the church office & leave a message to schedule your van pick-up!**

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT ROAD TRIP!** At the time of this writing just three tickets remain for the **Chris Tomlin Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 18 at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia!** Transportation from the church and tickets are just \$75 each! See Scott Sabo, Ann Wallace or Pastor Drew today!

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**The New Disciples (High School) youth group** is doing a **winter clothes drive!** They are collecting New or Gently Used, and Clean hats, gloves, jackets, scarves and socks. There is a box set up in Madden Hall for your donations. A New Disciple member will be there to help you.

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Please see the insert with your invitation to attend a "Blue Christmas" Service at the St. Mark and All Saints Episcopal Church. The Absecon-Galloway Ecumenical Ministerium is grateful to St. Mark & All Saints for this meaningful worship experience that not every church can provide. This service is being offered to the whole community in the hope that together, across every divide, we can worship and heal together.

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**Angel Tree** gifts are to be returned (unwrapped and labeled with the number from the tag) no later than **Noon Sunday!** Gifts will be picked up by the Salvation Army Sunday afternoon .

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Mission Bouquet donations are now being received. These are used by our Mission/Evangelism Committee in support of mission programs and projects of APC. Please use the insert in your bulletin for your donations. Thank you!

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*Loss, Healing, and Hope*

## **A “Blue Christmas” Service**

*For many, Christmas is a time of celebration and joy. For some, however, this season is a difficult time of year. Many people are carrying significant weights: grief, loss, depression, anxiety, financial stress, unemployment, uncertainty, aging parents, sick children, recent diagnoses, unknown illnesses, etc. The public tone of the season does not resonate with many people’s private experience.*

*The shape of worship offered here begins by gathering together in honesty about grief, hearing the consolation found in God’s presence and love, and departing with the joy that comes from memory and a sense of shared peace.*

On Sunday, December 22, at 5 p.m.,  
please join us for our *Blue Christmas* Service at  
The Church of Saint Mark and All Saints, 429 S. Pitney Rd., Galloway, NJ.

**All are Welcome**

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**Remember, Deadlines are Important!**

Sunday bulletin announcements – Noon Wednesday

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

**“Good News” (monthly newsletter) – the 20th of the month – Items to be included in January’s newsletter are due next Friday!**

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.

**[Access our online calendar 24/7/365!](#)**

**The Google calendar (found on [our website](#) under “News”) is updated as information is received in the office - good for reminders of events and meetings, or if you need directions to an event held off-site. For easier viewing click on the “Agenda” tab at the top right.**

**This calendar is also a helpful tool for committees and groups when planning events. See what dates, times and rooms are available.**

***Click on an event for more information!***

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