

*Feeling called to a day of spacious grace and peace,
to open more fully to the mystery of God's love?
You might want to consider...*

The Anchorage "Desert Days"

**Fridays, Aug. 2, with Catherine Powell
Date Change *Oct. 25, with Jill Minasi
Dec. 6, with Matt Rollins
9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Come away for spacious silence within a gentle rhythm of music and reflection with God in solitude, allowing the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and our hands through the mystery of discovering more deeply our true source of inner peace, healing, and guidance.

The theme for the year is "Learn the Unforced Rhythms of Grace." This concept seems appropriate for this year as it welcomes a letting go, moving into a place of learning to trust God. The main point of the day is to spend time in quiet with our holy and loving God. A probable schedule will be:

- 9:30 Light a candle to honor God's presence – then an introduction to the space and to each other
- 10:00 Opening Prayer, comments on topic, with handout for reflection
- 10:30 Find space to be with God – sit quietly, walk
- 11:30 Lunch – all together. We will use lunch to ask this question for the group to share "What are you learning from God, what has God been saying to you, over the last 2 months?"
- 12:30 Regather in quiet, with comments on topic, handout for reflection
- 1:00 Find space to be with God
- 2:00 Closing prayer
- 2:30 Adjourn

Within the unhurried rhythm of the day, find a place that nurtures your soul, maybe outside, with as few distractions as possible, and just "be." Sense God within you; respond with your heart. It seems God also delights in having uninterrupted time with each person, to have our faces turned toward this One who loves.
Leadership:

Catherine Powell, is the Founding Servant Leader of The Anchorage. Her formation includes the Shalem Spiritual Guidance Program, the 30-day Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, and Jesuit Center training to lead 8-day retreats. Her passion is sharing a mutual love relationship with God. You can learn more from her about that in *Make Your Home in My Love: Live in My Joy*.

Jill Minasi aspires to live a more contemplative life every day. She is a Guardian ad Litem, with a counseling background. She is originally from VA, is married to John and is the mother of two semi-grown children. She currently serves as the Chair Elect for The Anchorage Servant Leaders and is actively involved at Christ Church Episcopal, Greenville.

Matt Rollins serves as the Minister of Community Engagement at First Baptist Greenville and is passionate about helping people connect the inner work of becoming the full, authentic self that God desires for them with the outer work of helping the world look more like the Kingdom of God on earth.

Location: Near Paris Mountain, Greenville, SC. (About 10 miles N of Catherine's home)

Fee: \$42 (includes lunch) (\$30 if BYO Lunch)

(\$10 deposit due 2 weeks ahead)

Registration Form **Please detach here and mail**

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Desert Day Date(s): _____ \$10 Dep _____

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