

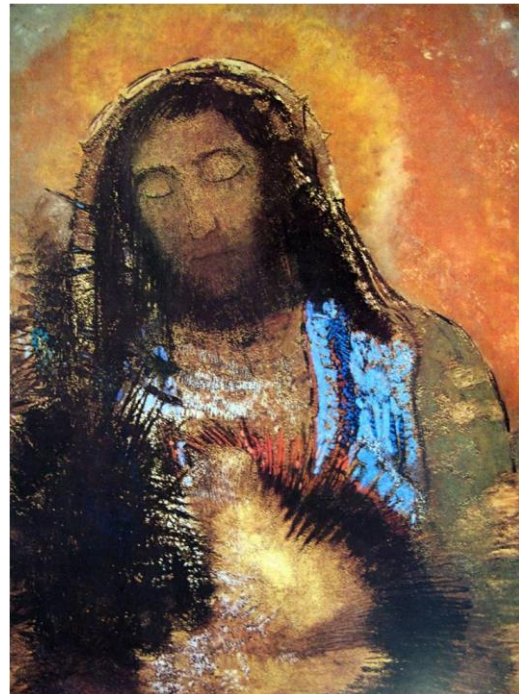
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THE BIG SILENCE

A 4-Day Mostly Silent Retreat

January 14-17, 2018

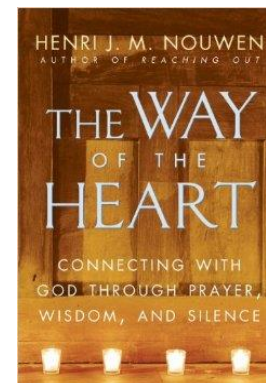


STUMBLING into the HEART of CHRIST

Welcome to The Big Silence!



You are invited to experience big spaces of solitude and silence in community for the purpose of tending the inner fire of your soul. Inspired by the documentary *The Big Silence* with Abbot Christopher Jamison (please view online-see links next page), and encouraged by several *Clergy School of the Spirit* students, this 4-day mostly silent retreat will be grounded in the modern classic *The Way of the Heart* by Henri Nouwen. Since it was first published more than twenty years ago, *The Way of the Heart* has helped millions of men and women cast off the anger and greed that trouble the world—and find love, compassion and peace in the heart of God.



Through Henri Nouwen's guidance, this retreat clears before us a spiritual path consisting of three stepping stones: **Solitude** (learning not to be alone but to be alone with God); **Silence** (the discipline by which the inner fire of God is tended and kept alive); and **Prayer** (standing in the presence of God with the mind in the heart).

We will . . .

- Experience community and conversation** on Sunday as we prepare our hearts and minds to enter into The Big Silence.
- Nurture trust** as we seek to move/stumble/fumble our way into the heart of Christ.
- Deepen our contemplative grounding** through brief daily teachings/readings to help break through obstacles and illuminate The Way of the Heart.
- Expand our capacity to listen to God** through prayer, wisdom, and silence.
- Explore optional opportunities** to connect with God in the spaciousness of silence: walking the labyrinth; soaking in the beauty of nature; the sacred art of mandalas; one-on-one and/or small group processing; iconic images; and praying the Divine Hours in community—Morning, Midday, Vespers (evening), and Compline (before bed).
- Receive rich and empowering resources** for your continued journey into the heart of Christ.

Website:
www.centenary-ws.org/the-big-silence-retreat



Retreat Details

Place: St. Francis Springs Prayer Center
477 Grogan Rd, Stoneville, NC 27048
336-573-3751
(www.stfrancissprings.com)

When: Arrive Sunday, January 14 between 3:00 & 3:30 p.m.
Retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. & concludes Wednesday, January 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$500 by December 15, 2017
\$525 after December 15, 2017
(Cost includes tuition, private room, and meals. 29 single rooms available.)

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 5, 2017.
Early registration is HIGHLY recommended.
This retreat is often sold out a month prior to the deadline.



Directions and details will follow your registration via e-mail.

IN PREPARATION:

please READ *The Way of the Heart* and/or *Out of Solitude* by Henri Nouwen

and WATCH "The Big Silence" [all 3 parts]
1) gloria.tv/video/HaC3Bg1yPX632WhatEWqEnSZS
2) gloria.tv/video/NiFXukVkiGko41ztKNuZUScXa
3) gloria.tv/video/4uZFJjxjbcJ6AS9Q7xQmEURko



Retreat Leaders:

Rev. Jonathan Brake, Centenary UMC,
Winston-Salem NC



Rev. Dianne Lawhorn,
The Lydia Group



Senior Advisor
Ann Starrette, Davidson UMC
Davidson NC



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