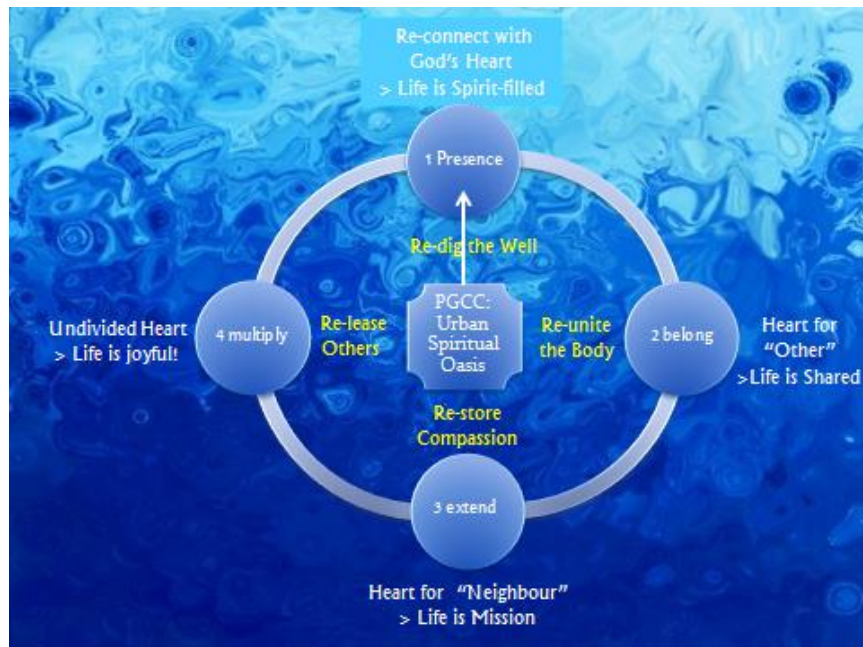


The vision for our church is to become a **place** and a **people** who embody the presence of God; a safe place but also a transformative place. With our focus on becoming an urban spiritual oasis, we are brought onto a path of discipleship that begins with reconnecting with God's heart. This "re-digging the well" of God's presence has been our main pursuit during the fall season. We have steadily emphasized the need to return to God to attend to His voice and to reorder our theology and our lives around who He is (remember the three temples that have been consecrated for His presence: your heart – each one is the temple of the Holy Spirit; your home – each one has a place that needs to be sanctified (including vision and equipping for our parents to have more consistent and anointed "family devos"); our church body – together we both welcome and embody His presence). The living water of the Lord has started to flow within these three areas. So, what's next? Glad you asked...



Recall our vision path picture (above): the fall season pursued the Presence. As we turn to Advent and then the New Year, and having our hearts reconnected with God's heart, we will engage our second step on the vision path: re-unite the body of our church. Our refreshed passion for God will naturally be turned toward those in our church body – our prayer is that in and through this next season we will truly cultivate hearts for what the Bible calls "the other." There are numerous "one another" scriptures that underscore God's heart that the life of a follower of Jesus is, by definition, to be a shared life. No solo voyages, no lone rangers. We are made to belong.

Sunday November 27th we begin our Advent series. Who can you invite along to hear the call to come home? Christmas can be such a lonely time for people – our church has a vision to be a safe place for people to find the transforming power of the gospel. Choose to deepen your belonging here; invite someone to join you to find their church home where they too can belong.

Getting ready for Advent, and looking for His return,
Greg

Need prayer?

- We have a refreshed prayer chain – email or call any of our staff to bring forward a prayer request;
- Come to the Wellspring Contemplative Prayer time on Tuesday evenings at PGCC;
- Each Sunday during and after the service we have people ready to pray;
- The staff, Elders and prayer ministry people do their best to be available during the week to pray
- Each Community Life Group is committed to be a safe place of prayer