

Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016



Chapel by the Sea was the first church on our island and remains a church for the community, welcoming all people seeking to know and serve Christ. We are a mission for Jesus Christ and church for all seasons...

...seasons of life

...seasons of the year

...seasons of our growth as Christians

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rexann Hosafros

MINUTE FOR MISSION

G.L.A.D. Toy Drive

Sharon Trantina

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:2,6)

Rev. Heffington

Peace be with you

And also with you.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

O come, let us worship and bow down!

**HYMN #9*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO RENEWAL (I John 1:8-9)

Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Let us confess our sins to God and to one another....

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

Bountiful God, without your grace and help we would be nothing; we would not even exist. We owe You everything: our creation, our preservation, all the blessings of life. We know that most of our praying should be thanksgiving. But it is not. What comes naturally to us is asking. And much of the time, even when a prayer is answered in the way we hoped it would be, we forget to thank You. O God, teach us the grace of thankfulness. Keep us from being like the nine lepers who promptly forgot who had healed them. Let us, rather, follow the example of the one who nearly forgot, but remembered, and had the faith to come back and say, “Thank You, Lord!” In Jesus’ name, Amen.

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Friends, believe the Gospel and be at peace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen! *(Please rise and let us sing)*

**GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. A – men, A – men.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF BLESSING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OFFERINGS

Gentle Shepard
Chancel Choir

W.Gaither

**DOXOLOGY*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Heffington

May these words of my mouth and
this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Jesus Is Coming...Get Busy”

Rev. Heffington

ANTHEM

Waiting for Bethlehem's Light
Duet: Landon & Lois Doggett

Dale Peterson

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Heffington

**HYMN #540*

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

**BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now In Peace

**POSTLUDE*

Variations to the Sicilian Hymn

H. Carr (“O Sanctissima”)

Bio of Reverend Helen Heffington

Reverend Helen Heffington has served churches in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples, and Lehigh Acres. Currently, she has a validated ministry working for the Florida Guardian ad Litem office providing a voice in court for abused and neglected children. (It's called CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate — in some states). She also has been a Hospice Chaplain and directed a program for Catholic Charities teaching survival English to migrant women in Immokalee. Her first career was as an attorney where she met her husband Scott Heffington, who is also an attorney. Scott is worshiping with us today. Helen's hobbies are Disney pin collecting and scrapbooking. She also is an avid reader. She likes books about worship and spirituality. However, you're most likely to find her with a best-seller in her hand.

Weekly Announcements

Christmas Poinsettias — Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms are located in the Narthex and in the Sunday bulletin, or call the Church office at (239) 463-3173.

Living Gift Market — The Living Gift Market will be held at Chapel by the Sea again this year. The dates will be on Sundays, November 27, December 4 and December 11. We will be featuring gifts benefiting God's Table, Habitat for Humanity, Presbyterian Medical Benevolences and a wide range of Presbyterian Mission gifts. Hope to see you there!

**Chapel Concert Series — Home for the Holidays presented by Voices of Naples
Thursday, December 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Chapel by the Sea is honored to once again host Voices of Naples, under the direction of Dr. Douglas Renfro, as they present an evening of Christmas and Holiday favorites. The talented, vocal ensemble will be accompanied by pianist, LaVon Mattson, and members of the Southwest Florida Symphony. Voices of Naples was formed in 2002 to provide an opportunity for singers in and around Naples to study and perform choral music. Members are selected by referral and short audition, and study an eclectic repertoire ranging from classical to pop. Voices of Naples is a Florida not-for-profit corporation which provides scholarships to outstanding students in our area.

GLAD — It is that time of year when we are thinking about helping the children at Gladiolus Learning and Development Center to have a happy Christmas. Each year Chapel's toy drive helps to make that happen. Santa will arrive at the Center on December 19 to personally deliver a toy to each child. There are 142 children enrolled in the center from infancy to age eleven. The 4 and 5 year-olds are the largest group. Requested toys are:

- Puzzles from simple to complex up to age 10
- Dolls (multi-cultural)
- Pre-school learning toys--stacking, counting, matching, etc.
- Action figures for boys and girls
- Building blocks.
- Play Dough
- Ride-on toys
- Disney items
- Board games
- Tea sets
- Gift cards.
- Art sets
- Scooters
- Bikes

Books and toys should be unwrapped and may be placed on the table by the wall in the church library in Silver Hall by December 15. For more info, please contact Sharon Trantina at (239) 989-1104.

Sisters In Spirit (SIS) — Sisters in Spirit is a group of woman at the Chapel by the Sea who meet once a month. All women are invited to join. Next month on December 13 at 11:30 a.m. we will once again host a Naughty Santa gift exchange and luncheon. Everyone is asked to bring a small, "fun" \$5.00 wrapped gift. Don't forgot so you can be part of the fun exchange. Also please bring a dish to share for our luncheon. Be sure to mark this on your calendar so you can be part of the festivities. For more information, call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services — A Candlelight Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea. All are welcome, we hope to see you there!

ECHO — Thank you to everyone who provided food for the ECHO Conference. The donations and help were much appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child — 205 shoeboxes beautifully wrapped and packed with care and love. Each filled with thoughtful gifts to delight a child and that will send the message of Christmas to the ends of the earth. Thank you so much!

Immokalee Soup Kitchen — The Immokalee Soup Kitchen will be closed on Friday, November 25th because it is the day after Thanksgiving. It will also be closed on December 23rd. Chapel will volunteer at the Soup Kitchen again on January 27, 2017.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theater — On December 14, Chapel will head to Broadway Palm to watch "White Christmas". The ticket is \$60.00 which includes dinner, show and taxes. The church bus leaves Chapel at 4:45 p.m. and also picks up off island on Pine Ridge Road. To make a reservation, contact Elaine Brinkman at: cell phone - (630) 605-0400 or home – (239) 463-3992. Please make checks out to Elaine Brinkman and drop off your payment at the Chapel office. Seats are limited for each show, so please RSVP by November 30.

Zumba Gold Class, Every Tuesday! — Join us at Chapel from 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. in Silver Hall for 45-minutes of low impact dance aerobics. This class has been modified and is perfect for active older adults. Choreography will focus on balance, range of motion and coordination. *For the first 20 minutes, dance moves can be done while seated in a chair or standing, followed by 25 minutes of full-body movement.* Cost is \$5 per class with punch-card or \$6 for walk-ins. Bring your sneakers, water and towel and get ready socialize, learn new things and improve your brain power.

Chapel Habitat Builders — The “habitat builders” have begun a new season of volunteering. Habitat will be building 55 new homes this season. Our team will be assisting with any number of different tasks as Habitat deems necessary each week. The team’s expertise includes siding (vinyl), painting (interior and exterior), demo, cleanup, accessorizing, and any number of other skills. Both men and women are welcome. No experience or special tools are required. “On the job training” will be provided. We work every Thursday and leave the rear of Chapel parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return to the Chapel by 3:30 p.m. You’ll need to bring your own lunch, snack, and water and soft drinks. If you plan on participating or even just considering it, please call Tom Kelly at (612) 325-0450. We look forward to seeing you!

Adult Sunday School Class — Join us in the Chapel Library on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. for our Adult Sunday School Class, led by Laura Miller. This season will be studying The Gospels... Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Fort Myers Beach Cub Scouts — FMB Cub Scouts, sponsored by Chapel by the Sea, will meet every two weeks on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Silver Hall. Applications for boys and parents are now available in the Chapel office. For more details or questions, please contact Drew Yelle at drewyelle@gmail.com or (617) 416-2757. Chapel Liaison is Ed Milde (mlnr2b@aol.com).

God’s Table and Community Cooperative — God’s Table and Community Cooperative, in support of the holiday food drive for the needy, have placed boxes in the Narthex and Silver Hall for your donations of non-perishable food. Items needed: canned chicken, canned tuna, canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni, etc.), cereal, canned soups and juice boxes. We greatly appreciate all donations!

Solomon’s Porch Theological Reading Group, Adult Study and Discussion — We meet on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. here at Chapel in Silver Hall in the Session Room. All are welcome.

The Chapel Cats — The Chapel Cats will be performing the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday). They will be practicing on the Wednesday before Communion Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The Chapel Cats are looking for additional singers to join. If you enjoy singing “Praise and Worship” songs, give our Music Director, Michael Melnikov a call at (239) 331-5301. We are also looking to expand the number of instruments played in this group.

Sew N Sews — Sew N Sews is working on a new project for the coming season. Families from the G.L.A.D program (Gladiolus Learning and Development Center) will receive Christmas stockings, hand-made by our members and filled with goodies, at the annual G.L.A.D. Christmas party. In addition, our Parish Nurse, Ann Fossum, will deliver stockings to those who are in the hospital, rehab or nursing facilities. Sew N Sews is open to all women, of all ages, from Chapel members to the community at large. Our fellowship group does more than knit and crochet. We meet every Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you can use a pair of scissors, you have a seat at the table. For more info, please call Nancy Bell at (845) 863-5222.

Become a Member at Chapel! — Looking for a church to call “Home”? Check the Communication Card to become a member and you will be contacted by one of our Elders and/or Pastor Steve.

Flowers — Flowers are a beautiful way to honor loved ones and God. To sign up for flowers and have them displayed at the Sunday Worship Service and noted in the weekly bulletin monthly newsletter, please fill out a card and the chart in the Church Office or call the Church Office at (239) 463-3173.

Spiritual Commitment

I will support the church

- by attending faithfully
- by living a Christ-like life
- by giving regularly

I will share the responsibility of my church

- by praying for its growth
- by inviting the community to attend
- by warmly welcoming those who visit

I will protect the unity of my church

- by acting in love toward other members and all people
- by refusing to gossip
- by following the leaders

I will serve the church

- by discovering my gifts and talents and using them.
- by developing a servant’s heart
- by studying the Bible daily



The Butterfly Window at Chapel

The butterfly is a beautiful symbol of the resurrection. The stages of its development suggest an amazing parallel to the various stages of life for the Christian. The Christian enters death. It appears to be the end, but like the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis, Christ and His followers emerge from the grave of death to eternal life. The Butterfly Window was given by James Martin in honor of his wife, Norma.

*A Church for the Community,
The History of Chapel by the Sea,
Presbyterian Church USA,
Pittendreigh (2010, p.50)*

**The Week at a Glance...for a complete calendar, Go to
www.chapelbts.org**

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Living Gift Market

Monday, November 28

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, November 29

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Zumba Gold
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Solomon's Porch

Wednesday, November 30

10:00 a.m. Bell Practice
11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chapel Cats/Soloist Practice
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, December 1

9:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sew N Sews

Friday, December 2

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 3

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Living Gift Market
9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
11:15 a.m. Living Gift Market
11:15 a.m. Luncheon in Silver Hall

***Weekly Community
Events**

***AA, Room 5**
Mon, Wed, Thurs
7:30 a.m.

***AA, Room 5**
Tues 8:00 a.m. and
10:30 a.m. (Women's
Group)

***AA, Room 5**
Tues 8:00 p.m.

***AA, Room 5**
Thurs 8:00 p.m.

***AA, Room 5**
Fri 6:30 p.m.

***AA/ALANON,**
Room 5
Mon 8:00 p.m.

***BOSS (Bay Oaks
Social Seniors)**
Potluck Luncheon first
Wed of the month.

***God's Table
(Homeless Outreach)**
Mon – Fri
7:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

***St. Vincent de Paul**
Mon 9:00 a.m.–10:00
a.m.

Prayer Guide — November 27, 2016

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” --Philippians 4:6-7

Please pray for...

- Fasick Family
- Rhodus Family
- Bennett Family
- Jessica
- Andrew Filchak
- Bill Saunders
- Manny
- Peder Blohm
- Maris Edwards
- Alyssa Lomangino, USN
- Bri
- Mary Lee Koehler
- Nancy Kehm
- Frank Ellis
- Healing of our Country
- Janice Minto
- Wilma Brown
- Roy O’Doherty
- Roger Rhude
- Mike Darby
- Joy Taylor
- Joan Oliver
- Bob
- Dave
- Mazzotti Family
- Betty Pollack
- Eric Petrie
- David Stelter
- Jackie Vander Spoel
- Aubrey
- Karen K.
- Laurie & Craig Furlong
- Sheila Janes
- John Lamport
- Phil
- Michael Cobb
- Karin, Dee, Bruce & Gene
- The Klein Family
- Ted & Bobbie
- Brandenburg Family
- Musgrove Family
- Brianne
- Julie and Cam Folan
- Kelli Leary, God’s Table volunteer
- Tommy VanOyen, Jessica & Abby
- Diane Wilson
- Deb Scheltens
- Peggy Ziebell
- Joshua Stevens, USN, state-side
- Jim & Rita Koprowski
- Neil Callahan
- Tomas Masi & fellow soldiers
- Jonathan Fossum, USMC, deployed to Central America
- John Henneberger
- Unspoken
- For those running for elected office
- Cindy Masters
- Maria Ramos
- Kyle Wherry
- Bob Hebebrand
- Jaxson Hinkens
- Trevor & Margaret Brown
- Woody Williams
- Alta Deane Mallotte-Applebee Family
- Kylee and Family
- Anita Adkison
- The Adkison Family

Ushers: Mary Gumm, Judy Cultice, Jan Kitchen, David Pohl, Tanya Milde, Ed Milde

Greeters: Ruth Zook and Barbara Welton

Staff: The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison, Pastor/Head of Staff (skypilot_mddiv@hotmail.com)

Michael Melnikov, Director of Music/Organist

Ann Fossum, Parish Nurse (ann@chapelbts.org)

Denise Armstrong, Office Administrator

Holly Tribble, Administrative Assistant

John Rotach, Facilities Manager

Jose Ramos, Sexton

The Rev. Don Jafvert, Pastor Emeritus

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