

Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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

Dr. Adkison

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Living Gift Market Update

Joan Cady

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

PRELUDE

Mary, Did You Know?

M. Lowry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Adkison

For people in darkness,

Christ is the light.

For people in despair,

Christ is the hope.

For people grieving,

Christ is a comfort.

For people burdened,

Christ is a friend to share the load.

For people anxious,

Christ is a calm assurance.

For all people gathered here,

Christ is for you.

For everyone gathered here,

Hear the call to follow Christ and be Christ to others.

For all in this place,

Let your praise arise!

**HYMN #41*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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

Janna Holmes, 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

Janna Holmes, 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

Janna Holmes, 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

Dr. Adkison

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

What Child Shall Come?

P. Liebergen

**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

Janna Holmes, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

Dr. Adkison

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

“Handling Holiday Stress with Holiness”

Dr. Adkison

ANTHEM

*Carols Medley
Chapel Bells*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Adkison

**HYMN #138*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

**BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now In Peace

**POSTLUDE*

O Sanctissima

B. Carr

*The bouquet of flowers is given by Jim Koprowski and Family
in celebration of Rita Koprowski’s birthday.*

**Denotes standing, if able.*

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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.

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!

Living Gift Market — The Living Gift Market will be held at Chapel by the Sea in Silver Hall again this year. Join us today at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. 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!

Election of Elders/Deacons — Please join us immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, December 18, for the Election of Elders/Deacons, Class of 2019.

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 Chapel by the Sea who meet once a month. All women are invited to join. 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.

Adult Sunday School — Adult Sunday School Class will not be held again until January 8, 2017.

December Reminder — Remember, please, that for Chapel contributions to qualify for a tax exemption, they must be into the CBTS office before December 31, 2016. You might also want to consider a direct contribution from your IRA to Chapel, which qualifies as a tax free contribution as long as it goes directly from your IRA to Chapel. This also can be used as part or whole of your RMD if you have that requirement. Thank you!

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!

Young Presbyterian Scholars Program — Be sure to nominate a rising high school senior to the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program at Westminster College. Please contact Denise at denise@chapelbts.org for more information.

Immokalee Soup Kitchen — The Immokalee Soup Kitchen will 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".

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 will not be meeting on December 22 or December 29. We will resume in January.** The “habitat builders” 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!

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.

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.

The Chapel Cats — The Chapel Cats perform the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday). They practice 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.

Music — Would you like to make beautiful music to worship and honor God? Join the Choir and/or the Handbells at Chapel. Please call Lois Doggett at (239) 463-5583, Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630 or the Church Office at (239) 463-3173 for more information.

Sew N Sews — Sew N Sews has been working on a new project for the Holiday 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.

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 Grapevine Window at Chapel

The grape vine is a symbol of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, as wine was the beverage used by Christ when He instituted the Lord’s Supper. It is also the symbol of our growth in Christ. Jesus said in John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me, you can do nothing.” The Grape Vine Window was given to Chapel by the Sea in memory of Mrs. Lora Root.

*A Church for the Community,
The History of Chapel by the Sea,
Presbyterian Church USA,
Pittendreigh (2010, p.51)*

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

Sunday, December 11

9:15 a.m.	Living Gift Market in Silver Hall
9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:15 a.m.	Living Gift Market in Silver Hall

Monday, December 12

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	CERT
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Tuesday, December 13

11:30 a.m.	SIS
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Zumba Gold
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Solomon's Porch

Wednesday, December 14

10:00 a.m.	Bell Practice
11:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
4:45 p.m.	Leave for Broadway Palm

Thursday, December 15

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Sew N Sews
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Friday, December 16

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 17

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 18

9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Lessons and Carols
11:15 a.m.	Healing Service
11:15 a.m.	Election of Elders/Deacons

***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 — December 11, 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...

- Joy Taylor
- Cheryl Banerian
- David Stelter
- Eric Petrie
- Ken Sanderson Family
- Sheila Janes
- Phil
- Manny
- Betty Pollack
- Father Andrew Malavz
- Turner Family
- Eileen Powers
- Jerry Walker
- Ken and Bryant Family
- Woody Williams
- Diane Wilson
- Bob
- Dave
- Strength to cope with medical issues
- Kathy Fergus
- Emily
- Andrew Filchak
- Fasick Family
- Rhodus Family
- Bennett Family
- Jessica
- Michael Cobb
- Alyssa Lomangino, USN
- Bri
- Wilma Brown
- Roger Rhude
- Aubrey
- Karen K.
- Laurie & Craig Furlong
- Karin, Dee, Bruce & Gene
- The Klein Family
- Ted & Bobbie
- Brianne
- Julie and Cam Folan
- Kelli Leary, God's Table volunteer
- Tommy VanOyen, Jessica & Abby
- Joshua Stevens, USN, state-side
- Jim & Rita Koprowski
- Neil Callahan
- Tomas Masi & fellow soldiers
- Jonathan Fossum, USMC, deployed to Central America
- John Henneberger
- Unspoken
- Maria Ramos
- Kylee and Family
- Anita Adkison
- The Adkison Family

Ushers: Cliff & Wanda Hart, Don & Doretta Coon, Stephen Light, Nick & Linda Dundee, Fred & Meg Bushnell, Shirley Minsterman

Greeters: Lloyd & Lynda Hicks

Staff: The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison, Pastor/Head of Staff (skypilot_mdiv@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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