

Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
4th Sunday of Advent/Lessons and Carols
December 18, 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

Christmas Joy Offering

Bill Turner

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

PRELUDE

Emmanuel

J. Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rexann Hosafros, Liturgist

One: From the flurry of holiday busyness,

All: We come longing for peace,

One: Yearning for lasting joy,

All: Hoping to find our rest in God.

One: From full calendars and hectic schedules,

All: Sing the songs of Advent hope.

One: From the worry of our days,

All: We come to be set free,

One: Be made new,

All: Follow the Prince of Peace, the joy of every longing heart.

**HYMN #38*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Rexann Hosafros, Liturgist

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayers...

(Moments of contemplation and silent prayers...)

O God,

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, and our universe.

We ask it for your own name's sake.

AMEN.

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are set free and our sins are forgiven!

Our thanks be to God!

**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.

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

Christmas Carols for Bells
Chapel Bells

FIRST LESSON
CAROL

Titus 2:11-14
There's a Song in the Air
Soprano Solo: Alice Glawe

Dr. Adkison
Traditional

SECOND LESSON
ANTHEM

Genesis 22:15-18
Waiting for Bethlehem's Light
Duet: Landon & Lois Doggett

W. Gaither

THIRD LESSON
CAROL

Isaiah 9:2-7
Angels We Have Heard On High
Chancel Choir & Chapel Bells

A. Sherman

FOURTH LESSON
CAROL

Isaiah 11:1-3
Angel Carol
Solo: Tonya Reasoner

TRADITIONAL

FIFTH LESSON
CAROL #25

Luke 1:26-35, 38
Away in a Manger

MUELLER

SIXTH LESSON
CAROL #44

Luke 2:1-7
O Little Town of Bethlehem

SEVENTH LESSON
*CAROL #40

Luke 2:8-16
Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go Now In Peace

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

*POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

G.F. Handel

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF ELDERS CLASS OF 2019

HEALING SERVICE

A Service of Healing

A Service of Healing will follow the 10:00 a.m. service at the front of the Sanctuary. This service of prayers for healing reflects our belief that God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness for our mind, body, and spirit. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness. So, too, our prayers are complementary to the work of medicine and other forms of healing, which are also channels of God's loving and transforming purpose. All are welcome to share in this ministry to pray for themselves or for another person or situation. There will be an opportunity for those who wish to come forward to share in the laying-on of hands, anointing with oil, and a brief moment to share concerns privately with the Pastor. Our hope is that as a Christian community all who attend will feel God's acceptance, love, and this will sustain us in our process of healing.

A History of Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship telling the story of the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus. It generally utilizes a series of readings from the Bible which are accompanied by carols, hymns, anthems, etc.

The original service took place on December 24, 1880 in a temporary wooden shed. It was an attempt to keep men out of the pubs on Christmas Eve!

King's College in Cambridge held its first Festival of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve of 1918. The BBC has broadcast the King's College Festival of Lessons and Carols continuously since 1928, except for 1930.

Many Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Lutheran churches present a lessons and carols service on a regular basis. In the last several years, many other Christian churches have adopted this service of lessons and carols as a part of their Christmas worship.

Weekly Announcements

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!

Adult Sunday School — Adult Sunday School Class will resume on January 8, 2017.

Additional Service — Starting on January 8, Chapel will hold an 8:00 a.m. Worship Service and a 10:00 a.m. Worship Service each Sunday.

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.

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.

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!

Zumba Gold Class, Every Tuesday! — Zumba will not be held on December 20 & 27, or January 3. We will resume our normal schedule starting January 10. Join us at Chapel from 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. in Silver Hall for 45-minutes of low impact aerobics. This class is perfect for active older adults. Choreography will focus on balance, range of motion and coordination. 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 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. 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. If you would like to help please sign up at Habitat4Humanity.org or with Tom Kelly at (612) 325-0450. Everyone is invited to a Habitat for Humanity house wall raising on Saturday, January 28. Pastor Steve will bless the house at 8:00 a.m. followed by the raising of all of the walls. The house is sponsored by a family from the church and is located at 15291 Codie just off of Gladiolus in Harlem Heights. Come to watch or participate. 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 info., 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.

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). 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 — The Sew N Sews will be taking a break until January 5. Sew N Sews is open to all women, of all ages, from Chapel members to the community at large. 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 Daisy Window at Chapel

The daisy developed in the 15th century as a symbol of Jesus as an infant or in his humanity. In many ways, the presence of the daisy is a reminder of our responsibility toward the youth on the island. The Daisy Window was given by Ruthe Jennings in memory of her husband.

*A Church for the Community,
The History of Chapel by the Sea,
Presbyterian Church USA,
Pittendreigh (2010, p.49)*

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

Sunday, December 18

9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Worship Service, Lessons and Carols
Congregational Meeting for Election of
Elders
Healing Service
Discipleship & Fellowship Committee Mtg.

Monday, December 19

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, December 20

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Solomon's Porch

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

God's Table Coordinator Meeting
Bell Practice
Chancel Choir Practice
Staff Meeting

Thursday, December 22

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

God's Table Christmas Lunch

Friday, December 23

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 24

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day, Merry Christmas!
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Worship Service

***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 18, 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...

- Miles Lord Family
- Michael Zvoch
- Shirley Minsterman
- 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
- Our country in this time of transition
- All those in need
- Joy Taylor
- Cheryl Banerian
- David Stelter
- Eric Petrie
- Ken Sanderson Family
- Sheila Janes
- Phil
- Manny
- Betty Pollack
- Father Andrew Malavz
- Turner Family
- Eileen Powers
- 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

Please pray for the family of Jerry Walker who passed away this past week.

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

Greeters: The Pinkard Family

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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