

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Nativity of Jesus Christ/Christmas Day
December 25, 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

PRELUDE

Christmas Grace

R. Schram

Duet: Lois & Landon Doggett

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Adkison

One: Rejoice! Happy Christmas to everyone!

All: Happy Christmas to you also!

One: Christ our Savior is born.

All: God's Light is poured into the world.

One: O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.

All: Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!

**HYMN #40*

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

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

Dr. Adkison, 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

Dr. Adkison, Liturgist

Almighty God, your love and power transform death into life, despair into hope, lifeless stumps into tender shoots and a tiny baby into the Prince of Peace. In the hearing of your Word and the repenting of our sins, transform the hardness of our hearts into lives of receptivity, following the One who came to baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Adkison, 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

Sleep Holy Child
Tonya Reasoner

J. Peterson

**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

Dr. Adkison, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:11-12

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

“A Joy-Full Christmas”

Dr. Adkison

ANTHEM

Birthday Of A King
Solo: Alice Glawe

W. Heidinger

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Adkison

**HYMN #53*

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

**BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now In Peace

**POSTLUDE*

Alleluia

W.A. Mozart

*The flowers today are given by Albert & Maria Werner
in celebration of their 33rd Wedding Anniversary.*

**Denotes standing, if able.*

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Weekly Announcements

Adult Sunday School — Join us at Chapel by the Sea in the library for our Adult Sunday School Class. The class starts January 8, and meets every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. before Worship Service. We will be studying The Gospels... Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Solomon's Porch Theological Reading Group, Adult Study and Discussion — We will be taking a break until January 3, 2017. The new book we will be reading and discussing is called Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster. All are welcome to join!

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.

G.L.A.D. Toy Drive — Thank you to all who bought toys for Chapel's Toy Drive for Gladiolus Learning and Development Center. The toys were all beautiful and there were so many! Two trunk loads were delivered to GLAD. There were many happy faces when Santa delivered them. Thank you also to those who place gently used children's clothing and toys in the bin outside Silver Hall. These are placed on a table outside the Center's office and within a few minutes, families bringing in their children take them for their children. Thank you from the GLAD families! If you would like an acknowledgement of your donation, the forms are available in the Church Office

Chapel Sea Dolphins Walking Club — Begins Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Tired of walking alone? Looking for a new way to motivate yourself and others to get moving? Join Chapel's very own Walking Club. It's a good way to expand your workout and help you improve your heart health. The group will gather every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. on the Church Veranda.

Sisters In Spirit (SIS) — This month on January 10, at 11:00 a.m., SIS will meet at the Chapel to explore outreach opportunities with Kathro Taylor and Nancy Bell. We will first gather in Silver Hall to learn about OCC and help wrap boxes followed by lunch. Please bring a bag lunch and a drink and if you want to share some finger food that would be great. Next we head to Room 5/6 where we will see and learn about all the projects that the Sew N Sews have been working on throughout the year. Don't forget to sign the communication cards. If you have questions, please call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630. Sisters in Spirit (SIS) is a group of women at the Chapel by the Sea who meet once a month. All women are invited to join!

The Basis by Alzheimer's Association — Memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Wednesday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Silver Hall. The discussion will include the 10 warning signs of dementia versus normal aging. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn that facts. This program provides information on detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment and much more. Kindly RSVP to chapel@chapelbts.org or (239) 463-3173 ext. 20.

Discipleship & Fellowship Committee Italian Dinners — The Discipleship and Fellowship Committee is exciting to announce the return of Chapel's monthly "Italian" themed dinners. Please bring your family, friends and neighbors. The net proceeds will go to Silver Hall Kitchen renovations. Saturday, January 14 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., in Silver Hall, Italian theme. Spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, garlic bread, brownies, ice cream and drinks \$10.00 per person / \$5.00 kid 10 and under. Future dinners will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the Month: February 11, March 11 and April 8.

Weight Watchers—Weekly meetings will begin Wednesday, January 11, with an Informational Meeting and Registration with new leader, Sandy Kayser. This meeting is scheduled from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., in Silver Hall. All future meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. with weigh-in followed by the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theater — On January 25, Chapel will head to Broadway Palm to watch Yeston & Kopit's "Phantom". 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 (239) 463-3992 or (630) 605-0400. Please drop off your payment at the Chapel office. Seats are limited. Tickets must be reserved and paid for by January 10, 2017.

Chapel by the Sea Concerts — Duo Lana, Mother and Daughter, Thursday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. Free-will offering, No tickets required — Svetlana Strezeva, a prominent Russian-American soprano, has been praised as “The Great Russian Nightingale” by Russia’s St. Petersburg press. Svetlana currently resides in the United States and performs with her daughter, pianist Milana Strezeva. Milana received her Bachelor and Master degrees from The Juilliard School on a full scholarship. Together, this dynamic duo has given recitals throughout the US as well as in Italy, Denmark, Germany, Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and China. The concert will feature selections from the classical, sacred, and popular repertoire.

Chapel Habitat Builders — 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 raising 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.

The “habitat builders” will be building 55 new homes this season. Our team will be assisting with any number of different tasks. 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. Bring your own lunch, snack, and water and soft drinks. please call Tom Kelly at (612) 325-0450 for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

Immokalee Soup Kitchen — Chapel by the Sea volunteers at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen on the 4th Friday of each month. We will go on January 27. Have fun making new friends, getting closer to God, and helping to serve hungry farm workers and their families. The Chapel bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns about 2:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted in Silver Hall.

Zumba Gold Class, Every Tuesday! — Zumba will not be held on December 27 or January 3. We will resume on January 10. 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 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 and water and get ready socialize, learn new things and improve brain power.

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

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.

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 Fish Window at Chapel

One of the earliest symbols of the Christian Faith is the fish. The Greek word for fish (ichthus) is formed by using the first letter of each of the words in Greek, “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.” The single fish represents our savior, Jesus Christ. The fish Window was given by Donald Adams in memory of her husband, Brigadier General Donald Adams.

*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, December 25

9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day, Merry Christmas!

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Worship Service

Monday, December 26

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, December 28

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Bell Practice
Chancel Choir/Chapel Cats/
Soloist Practice
Staff Meeting
Stated Session Meeting

Thursday, December 29

No Scheduled Events

Friday, December 30

Office Closed

Saturday, December 31

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, January 1

9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:15 a.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Worship Service with Communion
Luncheon in Silver Hall

Monday, January 2

Office Closed

***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 25, 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...

- Larry
- Faye
- Miffie Greer
- Vallie during her pregnancy
- All those travelling during this Holiday Season
- Dave and Judy
- Marie Werner
- Joan and Kim
- 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 Phillips
- 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: Barbara Welton

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

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

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John Rotach, Facilities Manager

Jose Ramos, Sexton

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