

Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
1st Sunday of Advent/Communion
December 3, 2017



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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRELUDE

Emmanuel with O Come, O Come Emmanuel

J. Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

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: We come to taste the Bread of Life,

One: Drink the cup of blessing,

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 #2 (All Verses)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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CALL TO RENEWAL

Laura Miller, Liturgist

And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God and each other.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Laura Miller, Liturgist

O Creator, promise for the world, hear our prayers during this time of waiting. We hear your call to journey toward the light, and yet we stumble. Our journey toward your promise of Christ's coming is filled with doubt, pain and often despair that there is meaning in the waiting. Our losses, our worries overtake us, so that we dwell in darkness rather than moving toward the light. Create in us the thread of hope that pulls us forward from promise to the miracle of new life. Create in us a clean spirit so that our journey is no longer weary, but filled with the energy of adventure! As the Christ child comes, so we, too, come back to you this day. Amen.

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Laura Miller, Liturgist

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.**

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Solo: Roger Welton

Veni Emmanuel

**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

Laura Miller, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Titus 2:11-13

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

“Our Blessed Hope”

Dr. Adkison

ANTHEM

The Little Drummer Boy
The Chapel Cats

H. Onorati and H. Simeone

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Breaking of the Bread
The Pouring of the Cup

PASTORAL PRAYER

**HYMN #379 (All Verses)*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

**BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now In Peace

D. Besig

**POSTLUDE*

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

F. Mendelssohn

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The flowers today are given by Clif Hart in celebration of his wife Wanda's birthday.

A Communion Luncheon will be held in Silver Hall after the Worship Service today.

Weekly Announcements

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services — Candlelight Services will be held on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea.

Chapel Chimers Holiday Music — The Chapel Chimers will be performing a wonderful array of Christmas music at the Fort Myers Beach Library on December 6 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and enjoy music to get you in the Christmas Spirit! Hope to see you there!

Chapel Concert — Thursday, December 7, 2017, 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.

Spaghetti Dinner — Join us Saturday, December 9 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for the return of the Chapel by the Sea Spaghetti Dinner! Featuring Mama Chappelletti's world-famous sauce! \$10 Adult / \$5 Public Safety Personnel / Kids 10 and under – FREE (Net proceeds go the Kitchen Renovation Fund). Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Spicy Sausage w/Peppers & Onions, Salad, Garlic Bread, Brownie Sundae Dessert, Cold Drinks & Coffee.

Sisters In Spirit (SIS) — This month on December 12 at 11:00 a.m. we will once again host a Naughty Santa gift exchange and luncheon in the Session Room. Everyone is asked to bring a small, "fun" \$5.00 wrapped gift. Don't forget so you can be part of the fun exchange. Also please bring a dish to share for our luncheon. Cold drinks, coffee and pastries will be provided. Be sure to mark this on your calendar so you can be part of the festivities. For more information please call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630.

God's Table & Community Cooperative — In support of the holiday food drive for the needy, we 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, fruit or pudding cups.

YOGA — Resumes on January 10.

Caring Through the Holidays — Tuesday, December 12, 9:30 a.m., Session Room. Alzheimer's disease and related dementias impact over 5 million people in the United States. Here in Lee county, it's estimated that over 20,000 people have Alzheimer's or another dementia. The holidays are a time when family and friends often come together. But for families living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, the holidays can be challenging. With some planning and adjusted expectations, your celebrations can still be happy, memorable occasions. Learning to adjust expectations, planning ahead, identifying adaptations and approaches to make things easier and less stressful can help.

Adult Sunday School —The Sunday School class taught by Laura Miller will reconvene for the season. Last spring we completed the study of the Gospel of Matthew, and this season we begin with the Gospel of Mark, which was the first of the four Gospels. It is suggested that each member bring his or her favorite Bible so that we can compare translations. The class meets on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the library of Silver Hall. New Members are always welcome!

Solomon's Porch Theological Reading Group, Adult Study and Discussion — The book is called "A More Christlike God". You can download a copy of your own if you would like. New students welcome! We meet Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. at Chapel in the Session Room.

Chapel Habitat Builders — Our team assists 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" 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.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, A Christmas Story — On December 13 we will go to Broadway Palm to watch the performance of "A Christmas Story."

Sew N Sews — Help Sew N Sews continue their efforts to reach out and make a difference through the art of sewing. Please consider dropping by any Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch; the group breaks around 12 noon for lunch and laughter.

REMINDER: Chapel volunteers will *not* be serving lunch in November and December at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen. Volunteers will *resume* serving on Friday, January 26, 2018.

Become a Member at Chapel! — Check the Communication Card to become a member and you will be contacted by one of our Elders and/or Pastor Steve.

Cub Scouts — Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea in Silver Hall. For questions, contact Ed Milde at (239) 322-7828. Spread the word and bring a friend.

Children's Church — All children are welcome to join our Children's Church and Nursery on Sunday mornings at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Music — Make beautiful music to worship God! Join the Choir, Handbells and/or the Chapel Cats. Call Lois Doggett at (239) 463-5583 or Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630.

Flowers — To have flowers displayed at the Sunday Service and noted in the bulletin, fill out a card in the Church Office and on the bulletin board, 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

Treasurer's Report

Last Week's Contributions
\$ 6,451.00

YTD Income
\$ 420,037.13

YTD Expenses
\$ 407,583.36

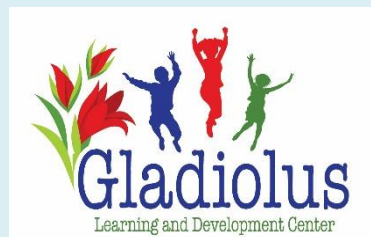
YTD Net
\$ 12,453.77

***Does not include income or expenses from restricted or designated funds.*

Gladiolus Learning and Development Center (G.L.A.D.)

It is that time of year when we are thinking about helping the children at Gladiolus Learning and Development Center have a Happy Christmas. Each year Chapel's toy drive helps to make that happen. Santa will arrive at the Center on December 18 to personally deliver a toy to each child. This year we have been asked to provide toys for the 3 and 4 year old classes. There are 36 children in this age group in 3 classes. Sixteen are girls and 20 are boys. This year the teachers sat down with each child and compiled the following wish list:

- Tonka Dump Truck
- Barbie Rainbow Light Mermaid
- Hot Wheels Race Track Set
- Ariel Toddler Doll
- Shimmer and Shine Magic Dress Doll
- Darth Vader and Storm Troopers
- Spiderman Toys
- Mickey and the Roadsters Racers
- Legos
- Barbie
- Sky Paw Patrol
- Tool Set
- Barbie Dancing Fun Horse
- Skate board age 5-7 (Playwheels)
- Paw Patrol Race Track
- Baby Alive
- Baby Dolls
- Crane Trucks
- Shark Ship Boat
- Trolls
- Dinosaurs
- Shimmer and Shine Float.
- Remote Control Batmobile
- Shopkins
- Frozen Barbie
- Remote Control Car



Toys should be unwrapped and placed on the table by the wall in the library in Silver Hall by December 16.

For more information, please contact Sharon Trantina at (239) 989-1104.

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

Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Soloist Rehearsal and/or Bell Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion
11:00 a.m.	Communion Sunday Luncheon
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Christmas Open House

Monday, December 4

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Bridge
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Tuesday, December 5

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Mission/Outreach Mtg.
3:00 p.m.	Solomon's Porch

Wednesday, December 6

10:00 a.m.	Bell Practice
10:30 a.m.	Chapel Chimers at FMB Library
11:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Staff/Session Retreat (Office Closed)
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts

Thursday, December 7

7:30 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity
9:30 a.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Sew N Sews
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Bridge
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Concert Series – Voices of Naples

Friday, December 8

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Chapel Spaghetti Dinner
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Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Soloist Rehearsal and/or Bell Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:15 a.m.	Discipleship & Fellowship Meeting

***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 8:00 p.m.

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

*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.

The child-proofing class scheduled for December 6 has been cancelled.

Prayer Guide — December 3, 2017

“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...

- Jaxon Dunlap & Family
- For all neglected & abused children
- Maney
- Shirley Durbin
- Harold Rayburn
- Ray Mullins
- Elizabeth Barber
- Terry Southworth
- Dorothy McDowell
- Hanley Kluever
- R.J. Davis, US Army
- Joy Taylor
- D.J.
- Carol & John Wagner
- Emily Lemieux
- Families of Fasick, Rhodus & Bennett
- Methodist Church Congregation of Alva
- Lea Powers
- Harold Rayburn
- Anna & Bernie Goetz
- Dr. Jim Zimmerman
- Ramey Garnett
- Roger Johnson
- Bev & Randy Belger's daughter Lindsey Nadeau
- Beverly Blair
- Family of Chester Johnson
- Diane Wilson
- Bob and Dave
- Lorraine Kemp
- Bob Enger
- Barbara Nitowski
- Nancy Pilch
- Jace Burke
- Amy O'Hern
- Priscilla Wonkka
- James Torrence
- Tim
- Wilma Brown
- Steve Glaub
- Kelli Leary
- LaCombe Children & Grandchildren
- Laura Moccio
- Bri
- Kirk Salvage, USAF
- Alyssa Lomangino, USN
- Laurie & Craig Furlong
- Karin, Matt & Fern
- Julie and Cam Folan
- Joshua Stevens, USN, Japan
- Tomas Masi & fellow soldiers
- Unspoken
- Kylee & Family
- Bobby & Anita Adkison
- The Adkison Family

Ushers: Fred & Meg Bushnell, Don & Doretta Coons, Clif & Wanda Hart, JoAn Mason, John Stanek

Greeters: Tom & Sharon Kelly

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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