

Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 17, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

God's Table Christmas Dinner

Arlene Fisher

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRELUDE

*A Christmas Medley
Chapel Bells*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, joy,

All: Lighten our spirits.

One: Come, hope,

All: Lift us from despair.

One: Come, peace,

All: Ease our frantic worry.

One: Come, love,

All: Shine in all we do.

One: Come, Jesus,

All: Be born in us.

One: Come, Lord,

All: Set us free.

One: Come, God,

All: Rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy!

**HYMN #9 (All Verses)*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO RENEWAL

Chuck Golden, 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

Chuck Golden, 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

Chuck Golden, 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

When the Son of God Was Born

S. DeFord

Trio: Landon & Lois Doggett and Nancy Walker

**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

Chuck Golden, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 3:17-18

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

“Yet, I Will Rejoice”

Dr. Adkison

ANTHEM

Come to Set Us Free
Chancel Choir

J. Shafferman

PASTORAL PRAYER

**HYMN #28 (All Verses)*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

**BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now In Peace

D. Besig

**POSTLUDE*

Angels We Have Heard On High

French Melody

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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.

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.

Additional Service — Starting on January 7, Chapel will hold an 8:00 a.m. Worship Service and a 10:00 a.m. Worship Service each Sunday.

Adult Sunday School — Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. in the library of Silver Hall.

Solomon's Porch Theological Reading Group, Adult Study and Discussion — Join us on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. at Chapel in the Session Room.

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group — Build a support system with people who understand. Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups are conducted by trained facilitators and are a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of person with dementia. The first meeting is Friday, January 12, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Session Room of Silver Hall and the group meets the 2nd Friday of each month. Contact: Parish Nurse, Ann Fossum (239) 463-3173 ext. 13 or ann@chapelbts.org

Fun Run On Fort Myers Beach, 5K For All Ages, Run or Walk — The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Beach will sponsor our annual FUN RUN 5K on Saturday, December 30, 2017 on the beach starting at the Chapel St. access. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with a cost of \$5.00 for children (18 & Younger) and adults \$10.00. Registration includes shirts while they last plus trophies by age groups. Run will begin at 8:00 a.m., and walk will begin at 8:10 a.m. Parking available at Chapel by the Sea. Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Beach has been serving the children of Fort Myers Beach for 50 Years! Contact Kim Southworth at (239) 671-1935, kimberlysouthworth@comcast.net for more info.

CBTS Dolphins Walking Club — Tuesdays, starting January 9 at 9:30 a.m. We meet at Chapel and walk 30 minutes around the neighborhood or the beach.

YOGA — Resumes on January 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Silver Hall.

Chapel by the Sea Spaghetti Dinner — Saturday, January 13, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Silver Hall.

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

Broadway Palm “Chicago” — Join us on Wednesday, January 17 at Broadway Palm to watch the performance of “Chicago.” Deadline to order tickets is December 27. The \$65.00 ticket includes meal, show and tax. The church bus leaves Chapel at 4:30 p.m. and also picks up off island people on Pine Ridge. Please call Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883 for reservations. There is a limited number of tickets available for each show, so please be sure to let us know if you would like to attend.

Chapel Habitat Builders — Our team assists with any number of different tasks as Habitat deems necessary each week. 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 plan on participating or even just considering it, please call Tom Kelly at (612) 325-0450. The team will not be meeting on December 21 or December 28.

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

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

Cub Scouts — The Cub Scouts will be taking a break until Wednesday, January 10. Contact Ed Milde at (239) 322-7828. Spread the word and bring a friend in January.

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.

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 and honor 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 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
\$ 7,641.00

YTD Income
\$ 440,248.13

YTD Expenses
\$ 433,458.09

YTD Net
\$ 6,790.04

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

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

Sunday, December 17

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
 11:00 a.m. Healing Service

Monday, December 18

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bridge

Tuesday, December 19

3:00 p.m. Solomon's Porch

Wednesday, December 20

10:00 a.m. Bell Practice
 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Soloist Rehearsal
 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Thursday, December 21

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sew N Sews
 12:30 p.m. God's Table Christmas Meal
 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bridge

Friday, December 22 No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 23 No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

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
 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25 Merry Christmas! 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 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.

Prayer Guide — December 17, 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...

- Eva New
- Bob Horning
- Jean Clark
- Frank Angelini
- Beverly Blair
- Chuck Kessler
- Huggy & Mary Lou Ellyatt
- Chris Hoffmann
- Vann Turner
- Kim Rhett
- Claire Cullipher
- Eric Petrie
- Bell Family's daughter for peace
- Adria Albelbiasi & Family
- Lauren
- The Cox Family
- Jaxon Dunlap & Family
- Maney
- Shirley Durbin
- Harold Rayburn
- Ray Mullins
- Elizabeth Barber
- Terry Southworth
- Dorothy McDowell
- R.J. Davis, US Army
- Joy Taylor
- D.J.
- Carol & John Wagner
- Emily Lemieux
- Families of Fasick, Rhodus & Bennett
- Anna & Bernie Goetz
- Dr. Jim Zimmerman
- Diane Wilson
- Bob and Dave
- Lorraine Kemp
- 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, Bill & Eva
- 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, Kathy McFalls, John Stanek

Greeters: Steve & Arlene Fisher

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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