

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 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 CHRISTMAS EVE

TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE #1 *Joy to the World* G.F. Handel
 Chapel Bells

PRELUDE #2 *O Holy Night* C. Adam
 Solo: Alice Glawe

PRELUDE #3 *For Us a Child is Born* J.S. Bach
 Violins: Jacob and Olga Yampolsky, Piano: Michael Melnikov

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CHRIST CANDLE

**HYMN #40 (All Verses)* *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

CHILDREN'S SERMON AND 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *All On a Silent Night* J.S. Bach
 Duet: Landon & Lois Doggett, Violins: Jacob and Olga Yampolsky

THE GIVING OF OFFERINGS *Pastoral Symphony* J.S. Bach
 Violins: Jacob and Olga Yampolsky, Piano: Michael Melnikov

**GLORIA (The Refrain from Hymn #23)*

Glo – ri – a, in ex – cel – sis De – o;

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Baby Lay Sleeping

Welsh Melody

Chancel Choir, Violins: Jacob and Olga Yampolsky

SERMON

“If Everyday Was Christmas Day...”

Dr. Adkison

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Did You Know?

Solo: Hannah Adkison

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (To prevent wax from dripping, please tilt the unlighted candles toward the burning flame. When blowing out candles, please place hand behind flame to prevent wax from splattering.)

**HYMN #60 (All Verses)*

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

**BENEDICTION* (Isaiah 9:6)

Dr. Adkison

May Jesus, wonderful Counselor, grant you wisdom.

May Jesus, mighty God, establish and uphold you in righteousness.

May Jesus, Prince of Peace, sustain you in love from this time forth;

Now and forevermore, Amen.

**POSTLUDE*

Christmas Concerto

Vivaldi

Violins: Jacob and Olga Yampolsky, Piano: Michael Melnikov

Weekly Announcements

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.

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 28.

Chapel Concert Series — Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. We are delighted once again to host Florida Gulf Coast University students, majoring in Piano Performance. These students study under Dr. Michael Baron, Head of Keyboard Studies. Dr. Baron selects top students who have regularly won competitions throughout the United States and abroad. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear these up-and-coming professional musicians.

Sisters in Spirit — Join us on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m. for our monthly program. We will begin with assembling Valentine's Day gift bags for the children of G.L.A.D., followed by a discussion on Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T.). Our member, Ed Milde will share the importance of the response teams as well as how they operate during an emergency. After a short Q & A session, we will serve lunch. RSVP to (239) 463-3173 or chapel@chapelbts.org so we may prepare appropriately for lunch.

Sew N Sews — Help the 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. The Sew N Sews will be taking a break on December 28 and will resume the next week.

Are You Experienced In Working With Stained Glass? — Chapel is looking for someone with the tools and ability to cut large pieces of stained glass into smaller, simple geometric shapes. Or, someone who enjoys painting and would be willing to paint a beached-themed image on glass. If you or someone you know might be interested in assisting Chapel, please call the staff office at (239) 463-3173.

REMINDER: Chapel volunteers will *not* be serving lunch in December at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen. Volunteers *resume* serving on Friday, January 26, 2018. The Chapel bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns about 2:45 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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**

Tuesday, December 26 No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, December 27
 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)

Thursday, December 28
 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bridge

Friday, December 29 No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 30 No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 31
 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

Monday, January 1 **Happy New Year! Office Closed**

Tuesday, 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 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 24, 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...

- For all those displaced by war
- For the Residents & Firefighters impacted by the CA fires
- Family & Friends of Lynn Bishop Genevie
- Audrey Dawson
- Janet Patricoski
- John Biddix
- Eva New
- Bob Horning
- Jean Clark
- Frank Angelini
- Beverly Blair
- Chuck Kessler
- Huggy & Mary Lou Ellyatt
- Chris Hoffmann
- Vann Turner
- Kim Rhett
- Eric Petrie
- Lauren
- The Cox Family
- Jaxon Dunlap & Family
- 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
- 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
- Julie and Cam Folan
- Joshua Stevens, USN, Japan
- Tomas Masi & fellow soldiers
- Unspoken
- Kylee & Family
- Bobby & Anita Adkison
- The Adkison Family

Please pray for the family of Carolyn Knott who passed away on December 10 and for the family of Barbara Nitowski who passed away.

Ushers 7:00 Service: Jack & Marge Burrell, Fred and Meg Bushnell, Don & Doretta Coons, Clif & Wanda Hart, Eileen Hoffman, Wanda Prater, John Stanek 9:00 Service: Randy & Bev Belger, Vicki Dutcher, Joyce Rigglesman

Greeters 7:00 Service: Chuck & Marge Golden 9:00 Service: Barb Welton

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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