

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
1st Sunday of Advent/Hope
Communion Sunday
December 2, 2018*



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

FOCUS ON MINISTRY

Update on Kitchen Renovation

Arlene Fisher

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Greer Family: Miffie, Doug, Dobbin, & Jacob

PRELUDE

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ever-present God, forever seeking us and always transforming us:

All: Open our minds to the truth of your care.

One: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

All: Open our lips to share stories of faith.

One: Open our hands to create beauty, to do justice and to show kindness.

All: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit.

One: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

**HYMN #9 (All Verses)*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

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

Eternal and merciful God, we remember how you, through Jesus Christ, died on the Cross and were raised to a new life for us, your children. We humbly approach your throne of grace, seeking the forgiveness of all that separates us from you. As we prepare to break the bread and drink from the cup, let your Spirit purify our hearts and our minds and grant us all your wholeness and spiritual healing. We open our mouths and receive the bread and the cup of life. We open our hearts and receive your forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Laura Miller, Liturgist

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

There's Something About That Name
Solo: Tonya Reasoner

Gaither

**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.**

ANTHEM

Born to Set Us Free
Chanel Choir

Jay Althouse

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Laura Miller, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-9; 8:12; I Timothy 1:1-2

Dr. Adkison

May these words of my mouth and
this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Light at the End of the Tunnel Is...”

Dr. Adkison

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 *Allegro in C-Minor* J.S. Bach

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Flowers

The flowers today are given by James E. Hunt & Sondra A. Hunt
in loving memory of their parents.

The Meaning of Advent

Advent is a Latin word meaning *to come or the coming*. During these four weeks before Christmas, we prepare our hearts, minds and souls for the coming of Christ in our midst. *Advent* is a season to reflect on the will of God. After Mary had given birth to Jesus, the Bible tells us “she pondered these things in her heart.” *Advent* is an opportunity to draw apart from the busyness of our daily routine and ponder the meaning of the coming of Christ for our lives: to bring strength and joy, forgiveness and hope. We remember that *Advent* is a season, a journey, not an event. If we will make this journey prayerfully and expectantly, we may yet again discover the wonder of the child in the manger, come to bring us abundant and eternal life.

A part of a prayer written by John Bell of the Iona Community (a religious community in Scotland): You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, want us to wait for the right time in which to discover who we are, where we are to go, who will be with us, and what we must do.

So thank you...for the waiting time.

Communion Sunday Luncheon

Join us in Silver Hall for a Sub-Sandwich Bar Luncheon after the Worship Service today.

On-Going Activities at Chapel by the Sea

Children’s Church/Nursery — Sunday mornings at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Scouting Program — Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Silver Hall.

For more information, contact Drew at (617) 416-2757 or drewyelle@gmail.com.

YOGA — Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Session Room of Silver Hall.

Sew N Sews — Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch.

Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group — Conducted by trained facilitators, 2nd Friday of each month, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Library of Silver Hall. Contact: Parish Nurse, Ann Fossum (239) 463-3173 ext. 13 or ann@chapelbts.org

Healing Service — 3rd Sunday of each month after the Worship Service.

Upcoming Holiday Events!

The Living Gift Market — The Living Gift Market began today at 9:15 a.m. in Silver Hall and resumes after the Worship Service at noon. Fill in the shopping list on the back of the Gift Market brochure and bring it with you to Silver Hall (or you can fill it in while there).

The Living Gift Market will give you the opportunity to shop for relatives and friends and those who may be difficult to buy for. Visit the table set up in Silver Hall today, December 9 and December 16 before/after Sunday Worship.

Gladiolus Learning and Development Center (G.L.A.D.) — Each year Chapel's toy drive helps the children at GLAD have a special holiday season! Please have toys in to Chapel by December 9. Santa will arrive at the Center on December 17 to personally deliver a toy to each child. GLAD serves children from 4 weeks to 5 years old. There are 30 children ages 4 years & 5 years old, 18 three-year-olds, 14 two-year-olds, and a total of 19 infants to 1 year old.

God's Table — Chapel will provide God's Table participants with gift cards for the Christmas season. We are asking the Chapel community to consider making a small cash donation to help.

Voices of Naples, A Christmas Concert — Thursday, December 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Chapel by the Sea is honored to host Voices of Naples, under the direction of Dr. Douglas Renfroe, as they present an evening of Christmas and Holiday favorites. Pianist LaVon Mattson and a string quartet from the Southwest Florida Symphony will accompany the talented vocal ensemble. Free-will offering.

Broadway Palm — On December 7, Chapel will enjoy the performance of "ELF" at Broadway Palm.

Blue Christmas Worship Service — December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Chapel by the Sea. A Blue Christmas service can provide comfort for those who feel little comfort and joy amid the celebratory season.

Christmas Open House — Mark your calendars! Join Chapel on Sunday, December 9, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a Christmas Open House. Tour our beautifully decorated Sanctuary, then join us in Silver Hall for refreshments, children's crafts and games! More details soon.

Sisters In Spirit — Sisters in Spirit is a group of women at Chapel who meet once a month. All women are welcome! On December 11 at 11:00 a.m. we will once again host a Naughty Santa gift exchange and luncheon in the Session Room. Please bring a small, "fun" \$10.00 wrapped gift. Don't forget so you can be part of the fun exchange. Also bring a dish to share for our brunch. Make sure the dish is ready to serve with utensils because the kitchen in Silver Hall is being renovated. Cold drinks/coffee will be provided. For more info. please call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630.

The Chapel by the Sea Choir and Chapel Chimers Christmas Music — On December 15 from 11:30 –12:00 the members from the Chapel Choir and Chapel Chimers will perform at the Mound House on Fort Myers Beach. Bring your friends and family to enjoy some holiday favorites!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services — Regular Candlelight Services will be held on December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea.

Weekly Announcements

Adult Sunday School — The Gleaners started their new season today. The Gleaners, the adult Sunday School class taught by Laura Miller meets in the Chapel Library at 9:00 a.m. The class is continuing to study the Gospel of Luke, which was on Chapter 10 when classes were suspended last spring. The first class was a review of material covered last spring and the December 9 class will continue with Chapter 11. The book is titled *Luke for Everyone* by N. T. Wright. New members are always welcome. If you would like to join, call Laura at (239) 292-5102 and she will secure a book for you.

Reminder — If you ordered *Numbered Contribution Envelopes*, they are now available for pickup in the Narthex.

Immokalee Soup Kitchen —Chapel will be serving lunch at Immokalee Soup Kitchen on Friday, December 28. Volunteers needed. Sign-up sheet in Silver Hall.

Solomon's Porch — Will resume on Tuesday, December 4 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., after that it will be the regular time from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The new book for Solomon's Porch is available in the office. The title is Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John and the Praying Imagination by Eugene Peterson. Cost is \$15.00. This promises to be an interesting study of the book of Revelation.

Habitat for Humanity — The “Habitat Builders” will be starting our winter volunteer season on Thursday, November 29. 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. Please call Tom Kelly at (612) 325-0450 to sign up and for more details.

YOGA — The class meets on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Session Room of Silver Hall. Research shows that YOGA decreases stress, improves balance, and promotes better sleep. The instructor will have yoga mats but if you have your own, bring it with you. Contact Parish Nurse, Ann Fossum, RN (239) 463-3173 ext. 13 or ann@chapelbts.org.

Music — Call Lois Doggett (239) 463-5583 or June Bidgood (239) 437-5485 to join the choir or bells and make beautiful music to worship and honor God.

Chapel by the Sea Online — Be sure to go online at www.chapelbts.org to check out Sunday Bulletins, Sermons, Newsletters, the Chapel Calendar, and much more! Also, check out the Chapel by the Sea Facebook page for pictures and upcoming events!

Flowers — The flower chart has been moved to Silver Hall. To honor a life-cycle event, mark a special anniversary and remember a loved one, order a floral arrangement for a Sunday Worship Service. Each arrangement is \$25.00. Stop by the office (or email) to let us know how you would like the acknowledgement worded in the Sunday bulletin.

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

Sunday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Soloist Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
 11:15 a.m. Communion Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. Discipleship & Fellowship Committee

Monday, December 3

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Mission/Outreach Committee
 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Solomon's Porch
 6:30 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, December 5

9:30 a.m. Personnel Committee
 10:00 a.m. Bell Practice
 11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir
 12:00 p.m. Special Music
 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Closed)

Thursday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Worship Committee
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sew N Sews
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Concert Series, Voices of Naples

Friday, December 7

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 8

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 9:00 a.m. Soloist Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:15 a.m. Coffee, Snacks & Fellowship
 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Christmas Open House
 7:00 p.m. "Blue" Christmas 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 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.
 Fri 9:00 a.m.–
 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Guide — December 2, 2018

“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...

- Kayne, Paula & Peter
- Eric Petrie
- Barb Kramer
- Barb Baxter
- Bob & Ginny Lemire
- Larry Bales
- Robert A. Matthew
- Mary Beth
- Bev & Janet
- The Keller Family
- Dylan R.
- Timothy C.
- Megan C.
- Katlyn B.
- Emillio C.
- Dean Guaneli
- Henry Family
- Bonnie Hunter
- Dani Tabaka's Grandparents
- Peggy Schneider Family
- Christy Bladwin
- Marceal Leapke Family
- Beth Gill
- Jim, Will & Angie
- Michael Bell
- Ron Tersiak
- Great Grandson, Booker Folan
- Eddie Lyons
- Family of Shawn McCullough
- Anne Owens
- Nancy Resende
- Dalton & Debbie Kalina
- Randy
- Steven Bevens
- Joy Booth
- Kathy Frazee
- Eva New
- Jenny Bianco
- Hallie
- Tom & Diane Means
- Dan & Barb Wickell
- Robert & Grace Wilson
- Karen Rhude
- Our Country
- Kelly Bynum & Family
- Nichelle
- Dan Schroeder
- Zack Family
- Craig & Laurie Furlong
- Heidi Neeper
- Jason Karnes
- Chris Sluyter
- Mark Stansrude
- Robert & Gail Golden
- LaCombe & Lutz Families
- Joshua Stevens, USN (Stateside)
- Karin, Arlene, Leyla, Matt & Bob
- Rollin Family
- Snow Family
- The Adkison Family
- Horning Family
- Kylee & Family
- Haley Golden
- Amy O'Hern
- Unspoken

Ushers: Chuck & Cassie Conrad, Don & Doretta Coon, Cliff & Wanda Hart, Jim & Sandra Hunt, Bill & Susan Nusbaum, John Stanek

Greeters: Jack & Julia Palmer

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

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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

Darren Harkulich, Sexton

Vacant, Audio/Visual Booth

The Rev. Don Jafvert, Pastor Emeritus

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