

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
4th Sunday of Advent/Peace
December 23, 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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ed & Tanya Milde and Ryan Francis

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emanuel
Chapel Bells

adapt. T. Helmore

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, O come, Immanuel,

All: And be light for our darkness.

One: Be comfort in our grief,

All: A guide for our path.

One: Be a friend for our loneliness,

All: An oasis for our searching.

One: O come, O come, Immanuel,

All: Restore our joy, heal our wounds and bring us peace.

**HYMN #38 (All Verses)*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

CALL TO RENEWAL

Dobbin Greer, 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

Dobbin Greer, 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

Dobbin Greer, 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

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

Bring Us Hope
Duet: Landon & Lois Doggett

R. Elaine Schram

**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

Gentle Shepard
Chancel Choir

W. Gaither

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dobbin Greer, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:27

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

“Peaceful, Easy Feeling?”

Dr. Adkison

PASTORAL PRAYER

**HYMN #53 (All Verses)*

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

**BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now In Peace

D. Besig

**POSTLUDE*

Angels We Have Heard On High

Henry Balcombe

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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

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.**

Fellowship

Join us in Silver Hall for a coffee and fellowship after the Worship Service.

Weekly Announcements

Office Volunteer Needed — If you are available to volunteer in the Chapel office on Monday mornings around 9:00 a.m., please check the box on the communication card found in your bulletin. Thanks!

Broadway Palm — Chapel will attend Broadway Palm on January 16, 2019 to see the show “Saturday Night Fever.” The cost is \$65.00 per person (includes meal, gratuity, show, and taxes). The Chapel bus leaves the rear parking lot at 4:30 p.m. Deadline to order tickets is December 30. Seating is limited so please check the on the Communication Card in your bulletin to attend. Call Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883 for any questions.

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.

“Un” Decorating Party — Volunteers who are available to help “un” decorate the Chapel on Tuesday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. would be greatly appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child— Love, Hope and Joy to all! Chapel donated a total of 253 gift boxes! That number is included with the 30,618 boxes contributed by the participating churches and community organizations in Southwest Florida.

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.

On-Going Activities at Chapel by the Sea

Adult Sunday School — 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 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.

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

Solomon's Porch — Meets 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.

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 — 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.

Habitat for Humanity — The Habitat Builders are not working on December 27. Will resume in January. The "Habitat Builders" work every Thursday, leaving the rear of Chapel parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and will return to the Chapel by 3:30 p.m. Tom Kelly at (612) 325-0450.

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.

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

Sunday, December 23

9:00 a.m. The Gleaners – Adult Sunday School
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

Monday, December 24

7:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve – Office Closed**
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day – Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

10:00 a.m. Bell Practice
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. YOGA
11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir
12:00 p.m. Special Music
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Closed)

Thursday, December 27

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sew N Sews

Friday, December 28

9:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Immokalee Soup Kitchen

Saturday, December 29

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 30

9:00 a.m. The Gleaners – Adult Sunday School
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

Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve – Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day – 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.
Fri 9:00 a.m.–
10:00 a.m.

Prayer Guide — December 23, 2018

Please pray for...

- Pricilla Wonka
- Family of Jessica Starr
- Barbara Sidok and Family
- John Biddix
- Mary Durphy
- Dana
- The Werner Family
- Dan Lambert
- Ando Luik & Family
- Bob Keene
- Mark
- Thomas Revercomb
- Jamie
- Bob & Dave
- Mary Genualdi
- Diane Wilson
- Kit Cathers
- The Cattons
- Jack & Mary Wilson
- Dawn Lerentzen
- Chris Foster
- Cecil Crawford
- Tim
- Kessler Family
- Matthew Freeburn
- Zach Pluger
- James Zimmerman
- Fred Pereira
- Diane Boehlke
- 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
- Randy
- Steven Bevens
- Joy Booth
- Kathy Frazee
- Jenny Bianco
- Hallie and Family
- Dan & Barb Wickell
- 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, Abbey
- Rollin Family
- Snow Family
- The Adkison Family
- Horning Family
- Haley Golden
- Amy O'Hern
- Unspoken

Ushers: Patsy Cater, Don & Doretta Coon, Cliff & Wanda Hart, Jim & Sandra Hunt, 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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