

Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019 / In The Common Era



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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (In Silence): Lord, in this busy season, it is easy to let my awareness of you fade into the background, drowned out by the carols and noise, blinded by the lights, distracted by the list of things to do and objects to buy. In this hour of worship, draw my thoughts to you, help quiet the busyness of my heart, and allow my soul to commune with you, that I might hear your still small voice and have the courage of the shepherds to follow the message of Good News. Amen.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rexann Hosafros

FOCUS ON MINISTRY

Living Gift Market

Wanda Prater

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Traditional

Chapel Bells

Angels We Have Heard on High

French Carol

MUSIC FOR ADVENT

Light of Light

Joel Raney

Chancel Choir and Chapel Bells

RESPONSIVE LITANY:

Jennifer Pinkard, Liturgist

One: Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions

All: Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

One: Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings.

All: Prince of Peace, help us recognize all that is good in our lives.

One: Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

All: Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

One: Advent is a time to spread peace to the world around us.

All: Prince of Peace, open our eyes to the needs of others.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Don & Doretta Coon

**HYMN #59 (Verses 1-4)*

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

CHRISTMAS

CALL TO RENEWAL

Jennifer Pinkard, Liturgist

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxiety on the Lord who cares for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (unison)

Jennifer Pinkard, Liturgist

Heavenly Father, we come before you confessing our sins: Our thoughts are not like your thoughts, selfish desires and evil passions, and their wicked fruit – cruel words and unjust acts.

Keep us, Lord, from pride and arrogance, and from scornful judgement of others. Keep us from worshipping the blessings that you have given us.

Keep us from trusting in anything except your grace.

Lord, you know our temptations and struggles. Show mercy on us, that we may seek the righteousness of faith, that we may be forgiven, and that we may be strengthened each day by your holy spirit, to serve you in the joy of freedom.

. . . . time for silent confession

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

Jennifer Pinkard, Liturgist

Liturgist: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven as we forgive one another.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are assured of God's grace. 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

Debbie Dunlap

PRAYER OF BLESSING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Debbie Dunlap

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

Trust in Him

B. Hamblem

Solo: Alice Glawe

**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 (unison)

Jennifer Pinkard, Liturgist

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit, so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

Christmas Is Coming
Chancel Choir and Chapel Bells

Joel Raney

HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Dr. Louis Thompson

Pastor: This is the witness of Isaiah

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 18, 19

Dr. Thompson

Pastor: This is the witness of the Psalmist

People: **Thanks be to God**

FROM THE NEW COVENANT

Matthew 3:1-12

Dr. Thompson

Pastor: This is the witness of Matthew

People: **Thanks be to God**

HOMILY

“Crossing Boundaries”

Dr. Thompson

PASTORAL PRAYER

A CHRISTMAS CREED (*Unison*)

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the Gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.

I believe in the One for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored, and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother’s arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God’s love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my everlasting need of God; the need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.

I believe in Jesus, the Son of the Living God, born in Bethlehem that night, for me and for the world.

Amen.

*HYMN #41(*All verses*)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

D. Besig

*POSTLUDE

Hark the Herald Angels Sing!

Felix Mendelssohn

We welcome Reverend Dr. Louis S. Thompson to the pulpit today.

The Reverend Dr. Louis S. Thompson serves on the staff of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church of Naples as a parish minister. Lou is a licensed psychologist and marriage and family therapist.

Lou lives in Bonita with his wife, Mary, who works for Lennar Home Builders.

They have a Maltese dog, Alexis, who is the delight of their lives.

Celebrate Birthdays with Cake

December Birthdays will be announced during the worship service; then we will serve a special birthday cake in Silver Hall during Fellowship Hour.

For a complete list of monthly birthdays, refer to [Glad Tidings](#).

If your birthday does not appear on that list, notify the office at chapel@chapelbts.org or (239) 463-3173 so that we may enter your birthday date into the data system.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order Christmas Poinsettias. The deadline to order is December 10. Order forms are located in the Narthex and in the Sunday bulletin, or call the Church office at (239) 463-3173.

Christmas Services at Chapel by the Sea

A Blue Christmas Worship Service: When Christmas Hurts — Thursday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas recognizes that this season, full for many with holidays and rejoicing, can be hard for those who mourn and for those going through painful passages in their lives. In this service, we recognize that not everyone feels joyful. We acknowledge our sadness and burdens, while seeking peace and comfort for our souls. All are welcome to this service of quiet music, reading and reflections. Invite friends and family who may find comfort with us here at Chapel by the Sea.

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

GLAD Kids — Chapel is again sponsoring a toy drive for GLAD. GLAD Kids Early Learning Center provides early education to all children; while focusing on raising financial support for children of low-income working families. This year the toys will be part of the Heights Center Christmas Outreach Day. The donated gifts will be set up like a store and parents will be invited to choose gifts for their children. The classrooms will have Holiday parties but Santa will not be passing out the gifts. There are presently 92 children enrolled at GLAD from infants up to four years old with 24 staff. Gift suggestions are: Legos, educational toys, dolls, coloring sets, Disney toys, books and board games. Any donated gifts will be appreciated. Donations may be brought to the Chapel library and placed on the table just inside the door by December 17.

Living Gift Market — Join us in Silver Hall on Sundays, December 8 and 15. Before Worship – Market opens at 9:00 a.m./After Worship – Market closes at 12 noon. Give a gift of love and hope that keeps on giving and giving. Choose a gift in the name of a friend, a family member, or a loved one from one of the selections from the Living Gift Market. Medical Benevolence Foundation, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Habitat for Humanity or God's Table.

Music — Snowbirds Welcome! (and Residents, too)! Come join the choir and discover the joys of singing praises to God! Practice on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Sisters In Spirit (SIS) — Sisters in Spirit is a group of women at the Chapel by the Sea who meet once a month. All women are invited to join. This month on December 10 at 11:00 a.m. SIS will once again host a Naughty Santa gift exchange and luncheon in the Session Room of Silver Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a small, "fun" \$10.00 wrapped gift. Don't forget so you can be part of the fun exchange. Also please bring a dish to share for our brunch. Cold drinks and coffee 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.

Choir/Chimer Performance at the Mound House Christmas Market — December 14, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the Christmas Market at the Mound House on Fort Myers Beach! The event is on December 14 from 10:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. There will be area vendors, visits with Saint Nick, the Chapel by the Sea Choir and Chapel Chimers, the Beach Baptist Coffee Truck, and the Momentum Brewery & Dog House Food Trucks. The market will be held in conjunction with the Woman's Club Christmas Tree festival. Admission is free.

God's Table & Community Cooperative Christmas Meal —The annual God's Table Christmas meal will be on Friday, December 20 at 12:00 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea. 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, juice boxes, and fruit or pudding cups.

Flowers — Order a floral arrangement for Sunday Worship to honor a life-cycle event, to mark a special anniversary, and/or to remember a loved one. Each arrangement is \$25.00. Stop by the office, call, or email to let us know how you would like the acknowledgement worded.

Chapel by the Sea Online — Go online at www.chapelbts.org to check out the Chapel Calendar and more! Check out the Chapel Facebook page for pictures and upcoming events!

On-Going Activities at Chapel by the Sea

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

Solomon's Porch — Tuesdays, Chapel Library from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Will resume Dec. 17)

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.

Cub Scouts — Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Silver Hall

Chapel Habitat Builders — The team's expertise includes siding (vinyl), painting (interior and exterior), demo, cleanup, accessorizing, and any number of other skills. No experience or special tools are required. They work Thursdays, leaving the rear of Chapel parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and returning to the Chapel by 3:30 p.m. Call Tom Means at (586) 915-0621 for more information.

Sew N Sews — Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. bring a bagged lunch. Lunch at noon.

Immokalee Soup Kitchen — Chapel serves lunch at Immokalee Soup Kitchen on Friday, December 27. Sign-up sheets are available in Silver Hall.

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 at (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 8

9:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 9:00 a.m. Special Music Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 11:15 a.m. December Birthday Celebration, Cake, Coffee
 11:30 a.m. Discipleship & Fellowship Committee Mtg.

Monday, December 9

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bridge

Tuesday, December 10

10:00 a.m. Bell Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. SIS
 11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 12:00 p.m. Special Music Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. YOGA

Thursday, December 12

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sew N Sews

Friday, December 13

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers

Saturday, December 14

11:30 a.m. Chapel Choir Performing at Mound House

Sunday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 9:00 a.m. Special Music Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Healing Service
 11:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 11:15 a.m. Coffee, Snacks & Fellowship

***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 8, 2019

Please pray for...

- Ada Beebe
- The Carters
- Jennie Angelini
- Dudley Moore
- Marie Moore
- Eileen
- Jackson
- Kathy
- Chris M.
- Those living along the eroding Lake Huron shoreline
- Brenda
- Mary Reilly
- Vann Turner
- Kate Mason
- Christopher M.
- Santoni Family
- Alex
- Mary Butler
- Carol Mason
- Kailin F.
- Donald Iverster
- Shirley Sturm
- Sue Sebby
- Kim McCallum
- The Bushnell Family
- Pat Murphy
- Bob Eubanks
- Gwen Green
- Barbara
- Christopher Blackmer
- Paul S.
- Kevin K.
- Dudley Moore
- Mary Collins
- Steve Q
- Dean Guanli
- Jenny Bianco
- Dan Taylor
- Peggy Huff
- Tom S.
- Mollie Hillier
- Carole Magie
- Carolyn Davis
- Natasha
- Eric Petrie
- Emily
- Sherman
- Diane Wilson
- Debbie
- Maria Werner
- David Conrad
- Tim
- Michael and Jim
- Jake Neiman, USAF (deployed)
- Bev Mather
- Steve Bevens
- Barb & Dan Wickell
- Marge Foy
- R.J. & Family
- Andrew Stewart
- Bob Horning Family
- Drew Smith
- Nicole Fisher
- Karin, Cody
- Merlyn O'Malley
- Kelly Bynum & Family
- P. Vandlen
- Bob Allegier
- Darlene Guess
- Tievoli Spikes & Family
- Sue Glatz
- Jessica & Doug Grant & Baby Graelin
- Chris Sluyter
- Kathy Frazee
- Chris Foster
- LaCombe Families
- Craig & Laurie Furlong
- Rich & Nita Cusano
- Russ. C.
- Unspoken
- Golden Family in MD
- Alyssa Holte, USN (deployed)
- Joy Booth
- Joshua Stevens, USN Stateside

Ushers: Clif & Wanda Hart, Eileen Hoffman, Jim & Sondra Hunt, Jerry & Diane Lannoye, 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

Philip Jordan, Facilities Manager

Darren Harkulich, Sexton

Vacant, Audio/Visual Booth

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