

*Chapel by the Sea  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 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

*Habitat for Humanity*

Tom Kelly

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRELUDE

*Christmas Prelude*

Medley

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 #25 (*All Verses*)

*Away in a Manger*

CRADLE SONG

CALL TO RENEWAL

Jennifer Pinkard, 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

Jennifer Pinkard, 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

Jennifer Pinkard, 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*

*Solo: Tonya Reasoner*

*\*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*

Jennifer Pinkard, Liturgist

*SCRIPTURE READING*

*I Corinthians 12:31b-13:1-13*

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*

*“Love: The Most Excellent Way”*

Dr. Adkison

*ANTHEM*

*Come and Hear the Joyful Singing  
Cancel Choir and Chapel Bells*

H. Hopson

*PASTORAL PRAYER*

*\*HYMN #85 (All Verses)*

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

*\*BENEDICTION*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

*Go Now In Peace*

D. Besig

*\*POSTLUDE*

*The Rejoicing*

G.F. Handel

\*Denotes standing, if able.

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## *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.

**Sisters In Spirit (SIS)** — On Tuesday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m. SIS will once again host a Naughty Santa gift exchange and luncheon in the Session Room. Everyone is asked to bring a small, "fun" \$5.00 wrapped gift. Don't forget so you can be part of the fun exchange. Also please bring a dish to share for our luncheon. Cold drinks, coffee and pastries 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.

**God's Table & Community Cooperative** — 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 and juice boxes, fruit or pudding cups.

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

**Caring Through the Holidays** — Tuesday, December 12, 9:30 a.m., Session Room. Alzheimer's disease and related dementias impact over 5 million people in the United States. Here in Lee county, it's estimated that over 20,000 people have Alzheimer's or another dementia. The holidays are a time when family and friends often come together. But for families living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, the holidays can be challenging. With some planning and adjusted expectations, your celebrations can still be happy, memorable occasions. Learning to adjust expectations, planning ahead, identifying adaptations and approaches to make things easier and less stressful can help.

**Adult Sunday School** — The Sunday School class taught by Laura Miller will reconvene for the season. Last spring we completed the study of the Gospel of Matthew, and this season we begin with the Gospel of Mark, which was the first of the four Gospels. It is suggested that each member bring his or her favorite Bible so that we can compare translations. The class meets on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the library of Silver Hall. New Members are always welcome!

**Solomon's Porch Theological Reading Group, Adult Study and Discussion** — The book is called "A More Christlike God". You can download a copy of your own if you would like. New students welcome! We meet Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. at Chapel in the Session Room.

**Chapel Habitat Builders** — Our team assists with any number of different tasks as Habitat deems necessary each week. The team's expertise includes siding (vinyl), painting (interior and exterior), demo, cleanup, accessorizing, and any number of other skills. Both men and women are welcome. No experience or special tools are required. "On the job training" provided. 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. You'll need to bring your own lunch, snack, and water and soft drinks. 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.

**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.” The deadline to order tickets is December 27. The \$65.00 ticket includes the meal, the 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.

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

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

**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.

**Cub Scouts** — Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea in Silver Hall. For questions, contact Ed Milde at (239) 322-7828. Spread the word and bring a friend.

**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 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 on the bulletin board, or call the Church office at (239) 463-3173.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to decorate  
Chapel by the Sea for the Holiday Season!

Randy Belger, June Bidgood, Nancy Combs, Landon & Lois Doggett, Debbie Dunlap, Vicki Dutcher, Charlotte Fergus, Arlene Fisher, Jack & Gail Garner, Mary Gumm, Clif & Wanda Hart, Nancy Henneberger, Janna Holmes, Mary Jo Jacobs, Tom & Sharon Kelly, Stephen Light, Kathy McFalls, Laura Miller, Tanya Podley, Wanda Prater, Joyce Riggleman, Kathy Smith, Rya Snipes, Bob & Kathro Taylor, Anita Turner, Albert Werner, Jaci Willow, Bob and Ginny Young and Chapel Staff, John & Jose.

## ***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  
\$ 12,570.00

YTD Income  
\$ 432,607.13

YTD Expenses  
\$ 419,697.12

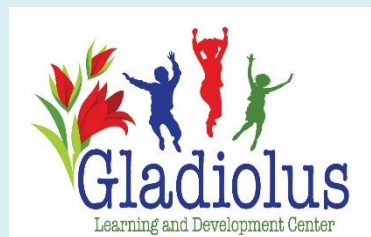
YTD Net  
\$ 12,910.01

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

## ***Gladiolus Learning and Development Center (G.L.A.D.)***

It is that time of year when we are thinking about helping the children at Gladiolus Learning and Development Center have a Happy Christmas. Each year Chapel's toy drive helps to make that happen. Santa will arrive at the Center on December 18 to personally deliver a toy to each child. This year we have been asked to provide toys for the 3 and 4 year old classes. There are 36 children in this age group in 3 classes. Sixteen are girls and 20 are boys. This year the teachers sat down with each child and compiled the following wish list:

- Tonka Dump Truck
- Barbie Rainbow Light Mermaid
- Hot Wheels Race Track Set
- Ariel Toddler Doll
- Shimmer and Shine Magic Dress Doll
- Darth Vader and Storm Troopers
- Spiderman Toys
- Mickey and the Roadsters Racers
- Legos
- Barbie
- Sky Paw Patrol
- Tool Set
- Barbie Dancing Fun Horse
- Skate board age 5-7 (Playwheels)
- Paw Patrol Race Track
- Baby Alive
- Baby Dolls
- Crane Trucks
- Shark Ship Boat
- Trolls
- Dinosaurs
- Shimmer and Shine Float
- Remote Control Batmobile
- Shopkins
- Frozen Barbie
- Remote Control Car



Toys should be unwrapped and placed on the table by the wall in the library in Silver Hall by December 16.

For more information, please contact Sharon Trantina at (239) 989-1104.

**The Week at a Glance...for a complete calendar, Go to  
[www.chapelbts.org](http://www.chapelbts.org)**

**Sunday, December 10**

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
11:15 a.m.	Discipleship & Fellowship Committee

**Monday, December 11**

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Bridge
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**Tuesday, December 12**

9:30 a.m.	Finance/Stewardship Committee
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	How To Handle the Holidays When Caring For A Loved One With Dementia
11:00 a.m.	SIS
3:00 p.m.	Solomon's Porch

**Wednesday, December 13**

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.	Broadway Palm – "A Christmas Story"
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts

**Thursday, December 14**

7:30 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Sew N Sews
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Bridge

**Friday, December 15**

No Scheduled Events

**Saturday, December 16**

No Scheduled Events

**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

**\*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 10, 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...**

- 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
- 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 Bob Enger on his passing on November 29, 2017.

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**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)

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