

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Epiphany Of The Lord/Communion
January 6, 2019*



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

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

R. Prichard

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 # 66 (All Verses)*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO RENEWAL

Chuck Golden, 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

Chuck Golden, 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

Chuck Golden, 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

I'll Walk With God
Solo: Alice Glawe

N. Brodzky

**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

Come My Savior, Come My King
Chancel Choir

S. Pethel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Chuck Golden, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:34-35; I John 4:7-8

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

“Our Defining Mark: Love”

Dr. Adkison

PASTORAL PRAYER

** HYMN (Insert)*

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

**BENEDICTION*

Holiday Events

Christmas Open House, Today! — Join Chapel today 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!

Blue Christmas Worship Service, this Evening — All are welcome at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Chapel by the Sea for a Blue Christmas service. This service can provide comfort for those who feel little comfort and joy amid the celebratory season.

The Living Gift Market — Visit the Living Gift Market table in Silver Hall today, and December 16 before Sunday Worship at 9:15 a.m. and after the Worship Service. 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.

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! Toys need to be at Chapel today. 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.

Sisters In Spirit — 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.

Broadway Palm — On December 11, Chapel will enjoy the show “ELF” at Broadway Palm.

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.

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.

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 on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

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

Solomon’s Porch — Meets on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.

Habitat for Humanity

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.

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.

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 — 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. This promises to be an interesting study of the book of Revelation.

Habitat for Humanity — The “Habitat Builders” 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.

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. Please continue to pray for the children who will receive these gifts.

ECHO — Thanks to all who helped with ECHO preparation by making desserts and salads.

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 9

9:00 a.m. Soloist Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Living Gift Market
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. – 3:00 p.m. Christmas Open House
7:00 p.m. “Blue” Christmas Worship Service

Monday, December 10 No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Finance/Stewardship Committee
10:00 a.m. SIS
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Solomon’s Porch
4:30 p.m. Broadway Palm “ELF”
6:30 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting
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 13

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

Friday, December 14

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monthly Alzheimer’s Support Group

Saturday, December 15 No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Soloist Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Living Gift Market
9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Healing Service
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.
Fri 9:00 a.m.–
10:00 a.m.

“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...

- Tim
- Kessler Family
- Matthew Freeburn
- Zach Pluger
- James Zimmerman
- Fred Pereira
- Diane Boehlke
- Those travelling during the Holiday Season
- 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 Bevans
- Joy Booth
- Kathy Frazee
- Jenny Bianco
- Hallie
- Tom & Diane Means
- Dan & Barb Wickell
- Robert & Grace Wilson
- 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

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