

*Chapel by the Sea*  
*Presbyterian Church (USA)*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
*December 24, 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

## *LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE*

*PRELUDE*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

R. Prichard

## *CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Walking toward Bethlehem,

**All: Listening every step of the way**

One: For the sound of our name,

**All: For the announcement that we have found favor with God.**

One: Walking toward Bethlehem,

**All: Watching every step of the way**

One: For a new star in the sky,

**All: For guidance in our daily lives.**

One: Walking toward Bethlehem,

**All: Sensing we are not alone.**

One: Angels are all around us.

**All: The prayers of saints surround us.**

One: Walking toward Bethlehem,

**All: Hoping we shall find a baby in a manger:**

One: A simple sign that God loves us still, and always will,

**All: And reason enough to sing God's praise.**

*\*HYMN #38 (All Verses)*

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

## *CALL TO RENEWAL*

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*

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*

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*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

French Carol

*\*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*

Liturgist

*SCRIPTURE READING*

*Matthew 10:34-39*

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*

*“Not Peace, But a Sword?”*

Dr. Adkison

*ANTHEM*

*Ave Maria*

F. Schubert

*PASTORAL PRAYER*

*\*HYMN #53 (All Verses)*

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

*\*BENEDICTION*

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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.

**Additional Service** — Starting on January 7, Chapel will hold an 8:00 a.m. Worship Service and a 10:00 a.m. Worship Service each Sunday.

**Adult Sunday School** — Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. in the library of Silver Hall.

**Solomon's Porch Theological Reading Group, Adult Study and Discussion** — Join us on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. at Chapel in the Session Room.

**Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group** — Build a support system with people who understand. Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups are conducted by trained facilitators and are a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of person with dementia. The first meeting is Friday, January 12, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Session Room of Silver Hall and the group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Contact: Parish Nurse, Ann Fossum (239) 463-3173 ext. 13 or [ann@chapelbts.org](mailto:ann@chapelbts.org)

**Fun Run On Fort Myers Beach, 5K For All Ages, Run or Walk** — The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Beach will sponsor our annual FUN RUN 5K on Saturday, December 30, 2017 on the beach starting at the Chapel St. access. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with a cost of \$5.00 for children (18 & Younger) and adults \$10.00. Registration includes shirts while they last plus trophies by age groups. Run will begin at 8:00 a.m., and walk will begin at 8:10 a.m. Parking available at Chapel by the Sea. Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Beach has been serving the children of Fort Myers Beach for 50 Years! Contact Kim Southworth at (239) 671-1935, [kimberlysouthworth@comcast.net](mailto:kimberlysouthworth@comcast.net) for more info.

**CBTS Dolphins Walking Club** — Tuesdays, starting January 9 at 9:30 a.m. We meet at Chapel and walk 30 minutes around the neighborhood or the beach.

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

**Chapel by the Sea Spaghetti Dinner** — Saturday, January 13, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Silver Hall.

**Chapel Concert Series** — Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. We are delighted once again to host Florida Gulf Coast University students, majoring in Piano Performance. These students study under Dr. Michael Baron, Head of Keyboard Studies. Dr. Baron selects top students who have regularly won competitions throughout the United States and abroad. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear these up-and-coming professional musicians.

**Broadway Palm “Chicago”** — Join us on Wednesday, January 17 at Broadway Palm to watch the performance of “Chicago.” Deadline to order tickets is December 27. The \$65.00 ticket includes meal, 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.

**Chapel Habitat Builders** — Our team assists with any number of different tasks as Habitat deems necessary each week. 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. 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.

**Sisters in Spirit** — Join us on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m. for our monthly program. We will begin with assembling Valentine’s Day gift bags for the children of G.L.A.D., followed by a discussion on Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T.). Our member, Ed Milde will share the importance of the response teams as well as how they operate during an emergency. After a short Q & A session, we will serve lunch. RSVP to (239) 463-3173 or [chapel@chapelbts.org](mailto:chapel@chapelbts.org) so we may prepare appropriately for lunch.

**Sew N Sews** — Help Sew N Sews continue their efforts to reach out and make a difference through the art of sewing. Drop by any Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch; the group breaks at 12 noon for lunch and laughter. Sew N Sews will be taking a break on December 28 and will resume the following week.

**Are You Experienced In Working With Stained Glass?** — Chapel is looking for someone with the tools and ability to cut large pieces of stained glass into smaller, simple geometric shapes. Or, someone who enjoys painting and would be willing to paint a beached-themed image on glass. If you or someone you know might be interested in assisting Chapel, please call the staff office at (239) 463-3173.

**REMINDER:** Chapel volunteers will not be serving lunch in December at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen. Volunteers resume serving on Friday, January 26, 2018. The Chapel bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns about 2:45 p.m.

**Cub Scouts** — The Cub Scouts will be taking a break until Wednesday, January 10. Contact Ed Milde at (239) 322-7828. Spread the word and bring a friend in January.

**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.

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

### *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  
\$ 10,441.00

YTD Income  
\$ 450,689.13

YTD Expenses  
\$ 434,863.86

YTD Net  
\$ 15,825.27

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

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

**Sunday, December 24**      **Christmas Eve**  
 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  
 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.      Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.    Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Monday, December 25**      **Merry Christmas! Office Closed**

**Tuesday, December 26**  
 3:00 p.m.                      Solomon's Porch

**Wednesday, December 27**  
 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)

**Thursday, December 28**  
 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      Bridge

**Friday, December 29**      No Scheduled Events

**Saturday, December 30**    No Scheduled Events

**Sunday, December 31**  
 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

**Monday, January 1**              **Happy New Year! Office Closed**

**Tuesday, January 2**              **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.



# Prayer Guide — December 24, 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...**

- For all those displaced by war
- For the Residents & Firefighters impacted by the CA fires
- Family & Friends of Lynn Bishop Genevie
- Audrey Dawson
- Janet Patricoski
- John Biddix
- Eva New
- Bob Horning
- Jean Clark
- Frank Angelini
- Beverly Blair
- Chuck Kessler
- Huggy & Mary Lou Ellyatt
- Chris Hoffmann
- Vann Turner
- Kim Rhett
- Eric Petrie
- Lauren
- The Cox Family
- Jaxon Dunlap & Family
- 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
- 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, Bill
- Julie and Cam Folan
- Joshua Stevens, USN, Japan
- Tomas Masi & fellow soldiers
- Unspoken
- Kylee & Family
- Bobby & Anita Adkison
- Hannah

*Please pray for the family of Carolyn Knott who passed away on December 10 and for the family of Barbara Nitowski who passed away.*

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**Ushers:** Fred & Meg Bushnell, Don & Doretta Coons, Clif & Wanda Hart, Stephen Light, Rya Snipes

**Greeters:** The Greer Family

**Staff:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison, Pastor/Head of Staff (skypilot\_mddiv@hotmail.com)

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

Jose Ramos, Sexton

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