

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24, 2021*



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

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

PRELUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Chapel Bells*

MENDELSSOHN

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. James Berger

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: What shall we call him, child of the manger?
What name is given in Bethlehem?

**C: His name is Jesus, God ever with us, God given for us,
in Bethlehem.**

M: How can he save us, how can he help us, born here among us,
in Bethlehem?

**C: Gift of the Father to human mother, make him our brother
of Bethlehem.**

M: One with the Father, he is our Savior, heaven sent Helper
of Bethlehem.

**C: Gladly we praise him, love and adore him, give ourselves to
him, of Bethlehem.**

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood our life hath bought. *Refrain*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)

Liturgist 5pm Sue Glatz

7pm Landon Doggett

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult
when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled
in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**SING PRIOR TO CANDELIGHTING*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel. (*Sing twice*)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

5 pm Sue Horning & Jaci Willow

7 pm Debbie Dunlap & Gary Kuchman

“Make Room at the Inn”

The Inn is now open for business. The long-awaited Messiah has been born and on him the light shines. We have only to open the doors of our lives and to say “welcome.” Our Advent journey has led us to this moment when the light shining through a closed door becomes one opened to new possibilities, new relationships. What a poignant moment for us this year as the light—the hope, peace, joy and love—multiplies from one illuminated heart and hand to another.

SECOND LESSON *Luke 2:1-7 (NSRV)* Liturgist 5pm Sue Glatz
7pm Landon Doggett

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

ANTHEM

Mary Did You Know?

Dr. Jim Berger, Guitar and Lisa McKenzie
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Piano

THIRD LESSON *Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)* Liturgist 5pm Sue Glatz
7pm Landon Doggett

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

OFFERING MESSAGE

OFFERTORY

Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Chancel Choir
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Piano

GO TELL IT

**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 INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Berger

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MEDITATION

Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Piano

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

"Who's Welcome at the Inn?"

Rev. Berger

THE CARRYING OF GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!"

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

**BENEDICTION*

Rev. Berger

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #40 (Vs. 1,4)

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

POSTLUDE

Inspirational Music
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

*Denotes standing, if able.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study with Dr. Jim –Join us each Tuesday morning, from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. in the Session Room, Silver Hall. The next series “*The Bible for Dummies*” will begin January 11 through March 15.

If you are unable to attend in-person, join us on ZOOM or watch a recording at the conclusion of the session.

Numbered Contribution Envelopes – For those who ordered numbered envelopes, you may pick up your box in the Narthex. If you would like to order a set, please stop by or call the church office.

Town Hall Sunday Parking – If you park in the Town Hall lot on Sundays, you need a parking placard indicating that you are attending services at CBTS. Please ask an usher for the placard or stop by the church office during the week. Place the card on the dashboard so it is visible to the attendant to avoid receiving a ticket. *For those who already have a card, you do not need a new one.*

Office Closures – The church office will be closed Monday, December 27 and Monday, January 3.

“Un” Decorating – Join us on Tuesday, January 4, at 9:30 am. We will remove and store the beautiful Advent/Christmas decorations. No reservations required. Just show up!

Worship Committee Meeting – Joins us Monday, January 10 at 9:30 am in the Session Room of Silver Hall. All are welcome. There are many opportunities to serve your community.

Communication Cards – Please take a moment to fill out the communication card you receive with your bulletin. Let us know if you need prayers or a visit or leave a comment on how we are doing. On the back of the card, there is a list of opportunities for you to participate in a Sunday Worship Service. We welcome fresh faces and always need seasoned veterans.

Floral Dedications – Order a floral arrangement for a Sunday Worship Service to honor a life-cycle event, to mark a special anniversary, or to remember a loved one. Each arrangement is \$25. Stop by the church office to let us know how you would like to the acknowledgement worded.

Photo Directory – Chapel now has a **Photo Directory**, which is accessible on our website (www.chapelbts.org). During *Sunday Coffee Hour*, a staff or committee member will be available to take a family photo. Even if you are not planning to stay for coffee hour, please stop by long enough for us to take your picture. Each week, the photos will be upload to the website for all to view.

Session Members:

Diane Means, Clerk of Session

Cassie Conrad	Laura Miller
Steve Fisher	Emily Porter
Jack Garner	Jennifer Pinkard
Stephen Light	Ron Willow
Tom Means	

Board of Deacons:

Lois Doggett, Liaison to Session

Doretta Coon	Louis Monaco
Linda Dundee	Marylu Marshall
Lynda Hicks	Bob Taylor

Community Offerings

AA, Room 5/6
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

AA, Room 5/6
Monday 8:00 p.m.

AL-ANON, Room 1
Monday, 8:00 p.m.

AA, Room 5/6
Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

God's Table Outreach
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul
Monday, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Guide – December 24, 2021

“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...

- Amy and Family
- John Jackson
- Tucker Maute
- Shawn Ravenscroft
- Hal Freeburn
- Melanie Freeburn
- Kenrick Beaman
- Mary Lou Dietz
- Marylu Marshall
- Will Jacobs
- Jean Clark
- Tony, Sue, Jessica & Danielle
- Maris & Richard Edwards
- Trixie
- Richard Filiak
- Linda Banks
- Marshall Linke
- Peter Pollack
- Linda M.
- Family of Jason Seely
- Stella, Sam, Elli
- Sue Glatz & John Berkenpas
- Diane Willow
- Roger Johnson
- Mary Beth Quam
- Maryetta & Randy Rhude
- Charles R. Lee
- The Cusano Family Michael Kerr
- Friedel Family
- Trevor Cox, US Navy
- Sharon
- Grace
- Pat & Jim
- Karen Stephenson
- Diane Means
- Richard Rodgers
- John & Julianna Beal
- Nancy Bryant George
- Jessica Holmes
- Jim & Lorri Marshall
- Bill & Sandy Peters
- Michelle
- Coen Holmes & Family
- Vann Turner
- Bill Mouw
- Cheryl Bredin
- Harry Willard
- Marie, Jeanne, Aubrey & Stefan
- Linda Brown
- The Bob Horning Family
- Amy Bell Finiki
- Alta Nodland
- Drew Vandlen
- Jim Silvernail
- Joy Booth
- Maria Werner
- Aubrey
- Josh Stevens, USN
- Craig & Laurie Furlong
- Bob & Ginny Lemire
- Bushnell Family
- Fasick, Bennett, Rhodus & Eggar Families
- Sidok Family
- Kathy Frazee
- Linda Hinrichs
- Brad & Pam Cox
- Deb, Connie, Alan
- Greg Beller
- Craig Allen
- Lauren & Marilyn Kamm
- Jarrod Karnes
- Katie Spyke
- Haas Family
- Jay Dishnow
- R.J. & Family
- Unspoken

Staff:

Rev. Dr. James R. Berger, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff

Dr Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Director of Music/Organist

Denise Armstrong, Office Administrator

The Rev. Don Jafvert, Pastor Emeritus

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