*Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church (USA) 1st Sunday after Christmas December 29, 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*

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| *WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS* |  |  Doug Bidgood |

*PRELUDE Amen! Tell it on the Mountain* arr. Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

*PRAYER OF PREPARATION (In Silence)*

Settle us into this time of worship, O God. Christmas Eve worship was just days ago.

We now come to the final Sunday of this year. Open us to your Spirit once more.

May our worship please you, dear God, and revive us. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP* Dobbin Greer, Liturgist

Leader:You desire our worship, O God.

 Shepherds were called to worship by a heavenly host of angels.

 While they worked their flocks by night, the angels announced Jesus’ birth.

**All:** **A star called the wisemen to worship.**

 **They traveled far to present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.**

 **They traveled far to kneel and come near to the Son of God.**

Leader: Let us come near this morning; nearer to God through this worship,

 nearer to Jesus in shared praying, singing, and exploring God’s Word.

 Listen. God is calling you to worship.

*\*HYMN #41 (All Verses) O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

###### *PRAYER OF RENEWAL* Dobbin Greer, Liturgist

**Creator God, a new year dawns, let us embrace it. The gifts have been unwrapped,**

**the Christmas cards opened and displayed, the good food enjoyed, and holiday socializing is drawing to a close. We start a new chapter. We pray, let 2020 be a year**

**of greater faith. Forgive us our sins. Forgive our indulgence in things and habits that are empty or harm us. Forgive our neglect of the people who matter most, and who need us most. Make us new. Creator God, we are yours. Remake us continually, so that your image might shine brighter in us. Your world needs more Christ-light and**

**so do we. Amen.**

. . . time for silent prayer and confession

*GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS* Dobbin Greer, Liturgist

The good news of your forgiveness is this: the promise came true. The Son of God was

born and named ‘Jesus’ which means ‘God saves’. God is with us. Jesus came to save us.

When we embrace God with honest confessions, we are assured that the response is

“You are forgiven.”

**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* Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sveet

*PRAYER OF BLESSING & THE LORD’S PRAYER*  Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sveet

###### 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 What Child is This?* English Melody

\**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* Dobbin Greer, Liturgist

**Heavenly God, focus us on what we are about to hear. This is not just any reading,**

**this is the living Word of God. We seek to listen. Amen.**

*HEBREW SCRIPTURES* *Isaiah 63:7-9* Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sveet

**Leader:** *God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or an angel. God’s own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God’s gracious deeds. God trusts that God’s people will not act falsely.*

**All Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12* Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sveet

Leader: *Jesus’ birth brings many responses. Wise men visit to worship the Christ child.*

*King Herod is frightened and seeks to eliminate the Son of God.*

###### All: Thanks be to God.

*SERMON* ***Love Arrived***  Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sveet

*ANTHEM Coventry Carol with God So Loved the World* English Traditional

Solo: Alice Glawe

*PASTORAL PRAYER*

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| *\*HYMN #44 (All Verses)**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION* | *O Little Town of Bethlehem* | St. Louis |
| *\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE* | *Go Now In Peace* |  D. Besig |

*\*POSTLUDE The Mark of the Three Kings* R. Wilson

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## We welcome Reverend Elaine Bidgood Sveet to the pulpit today.

Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sveet serves in Rugby, ND. She has been an ordained minister for 17 years, serving in the United Church of Canada, Presbyterian Church (USA), and the Lutheran Church (ELCA). Her parents are Doug & June Bidgood who are active in our Chapel by the Sea congregation. In addition to serving First Lutheran Church of Rugby, ND, Rev. Elaine is the founder of an online Christian community called ‘Chasing Abundant Life’. She is a published author of prayers, hymn texts, pageants, and devotionals. Beyond ministry, Rev. Elaine is active with her three children ages (9, 11, 13) and her husband, who is a School Superintendent. The prayers today were written by Rev. Elaine. She created these prayers exclusively for Chapel by the Sea for our worship together. You can reach Rev. Elaine at chasingabundantlife.com.

## Fellowship

Following services, please join us in Silver Hall to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship.

***Weekly Announcements***

**Spaghetti Dinners** —The next Spaghetti Dinner at Chapel by the Sea will be on January 11, 2020. Join us for Mama Chapeletti’s famous slow-simmered sauce, hand-rolled meatballs, spicy sausage w/peppers & onions, salad, garlic bread, dessert, cold drinks and coffee. $15 Adults / FREE for Kids 10 and Under/ $5 Wine Tickets (2 – 6oz. glasses of red or white)

**“Food For The Body And Soul”** —If you are visiting a member or friend who is homebound or unable to cook for themselves, stop by the church to pick up a homemade meal to deliver on your visit. The freezer is filled with single portion soups and small entrees. For those who just want a quick meal, you may pick up items for a donation of $3.00 each. Currently we have: Stuffed Peppers with Brown Rice, Chili with Beans, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken & Rice Soup (gluten free), Tuscan Soup (made with kale, cannelloni beans & turkey), Roast Pork Dinner with Sweet Potatoes (gluten free). Please note, the pork dinner is $5.00 per container.) New items will be added to the menu throughout the season. A special "thank you" to Arlene and Diane for making the meals for the "Food For The Body & Soul" outreach program.

**Balance Class**— NEW for 2020!... Exercise class each Tuesday for the month of January to improve your balance and prevent falls – starting in early January, 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday at Chapel by the Sea. The class will be taught by Ann Fossum, Chapel’s Parish Nurse.  All are welcome to attend, there is no charge. Look for more information and details in upcoming bulletins and the January Tidings.

**AARP Smart Driver Course** — January 17, 2020 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea. Refresh your driving skills with the AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE! You will learn: Defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, new traffic laws and rules of the road. Plus, there are no tests to pass. You simply sign up and learn. Upon completion, you could receive a multi-year discount on your car insurance. To register call Chapel by the Sea at (239) 463-3173. $15.00 for AARP members and $20.00 for non-members. For more information visit [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive).

**Sisters In Spirit (SIS)** — The next SIS meeting will be on January 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Chapel by the Sea. Genelle Grant will give a presentation about the Grace Project, which is a project that helps to better the lives of impoverished women. After the presentation, the group will have lunch at Tuckaway Café. Please call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630 for more information.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**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. Lunch at noon, bring a bagged lunch.

**Immokalee Soup Kitchen**— Chapel serves lunch at Immokalee Soup Kitchen on Friday, January 24. 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**](http://www.chapelbts.org)

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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Coffee, Snacks & Fellowship

**Monday, December 30**

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bridge

**Tuesday, December 31 New Year’s Eve – Office Closed**

**Wednesday, January 1 New Year’s Day – Office Closed**

**Thursday, January 2**

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sew N Sews

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bridge

**Friday, January 3 No Scheduled Events**

**Saturday, January 4 No Scheduled Events**

**Sunday, January 5**

 8:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

 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 with Communion

11:15 a.m. Communion Sunday Luncheon

**Prayer Guide ⎯ December 29, 2019**

Please pray for…

* Don Coon
* Judy Lee
* Family of Steve Swanson
* Jen H., Brenda O., Jaxon
* Rick McDowell
* Mary Collins
* Zaidy Rincon
* Donald J.
* Tom Barley
* Ben Wallace – deployed Afghanistan
* The people of Samoa – measles epidemic
* Bill McFarland
* John Beal
* Kent Sneller
* Ada Beebe
* The Carters
* Dudley Moore
* Marie Moore
* Eileen
* Jackson
* Kathy
* Chris M.
* 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.
* 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, Carol, Phil
* 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

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**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\_mdiv@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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