

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (In Silence): O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely, and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice nor cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord, forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| <i>PRELUDE</i> | <i>Christmas Medley</i> | Traditional |
| <i>MUSIC FOR ADVENT</i> | <i>Light of Light</i> Chancel Choir | Joel Raney |

RESPONSIVE LITANY: Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

One: Advent is a time of reflection and renewal

All: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope

One: Advent is a time of self-examination

All: God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.

One: Advent is a time of joyful expectation

All: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.

One: Advent is a time of service and searching

All: God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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| <i>*HYMN #9 (All verses)</i> | <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> | VENI EMMANUEL |
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CALL TO RENEWAL Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxiety on the Lord who cares for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (unison)

Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

Lord, in this busy season, it is so easy to let our awareness of you fade into the background, drowned out by the carols and noise, blinded by the lights, distracted by the list of things to do and objects to buy. In this hour of worship, draw our thoughts to you, help quiet the busyness of our hearts and allow our souls to commune with you and that we might hear Your still small voice and have the courage of the shepherds to follow the message of Good News. Amen

. . . . time for silent confession

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

**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

Debbie Dunlap

PRAYER OF BLESSING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Debbie Dunlap

**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: Roger Welton

**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 (unison)

Doug Bidgood, Liturgist

Blessed Lord, who has caused all scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, and inwardly digest them, that by Your Spirit and Your Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

ANTHEM

Born to Set Us Free
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Rev. Dr. Louis Thompson

Pastor: This is the witness of Isaiah
People: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1: 18-25

Dr. Thompson

Pastor: This is the witness of Matthew

People: **Thanks be to God**

HOMILY

“What’s in a Name”

Dr. Thompson

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Pouring of the Cup

PASTORAL PRAYER

**HYMN #508*

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

**BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now in Peace

D. Besig

**POSTLUDE*

Toccata

J.S. Bach

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Flowers

The flowers today are given by Clif Hart in celebration of his wife, Wanda’s, birthday.

We welcome Reverend Dr. Louis S. Thompson to the pulpit today.

The Reverend Dr. Louis S. Thompson serves on the staff of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church of Naples as a parish minister. Lou is a licensed psychologist and marriage and family therapist.

Lou lives in Bonita with his wife, Mary, who works for Lennar Home Builders. They have a Maltese dog, Alexis, who is the delight of their lives.

Christmas Poinsettias

It’s once again time to order Christmas Poinsettias. The deadline to order is December 10.

Order forms are located in the Narthex and in the Sunday bulletin,

or call the Church office at (239) 463-3173.

Communion Sunday Luncheon

Following services please join us in Silver Hall to enjoy a Soup and Salad Bar lunch and fellowship.

Christmas Services at Chapel by the Sea

A Blue Christmas Worship Service: When Christmas Hurts — Thursday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas recognizes that this season, full for many with holidays and rejoicing, can be hard for those who mourn and for those going through painful passages in their lives. In this service, we recognize that not everyone feels joyful. We acknowledge our sadness and burdens, while seeking peace and comfort for our souls. All are welcome to this service of quiet music, reading and reflections. Invite friends and family who may find comfort with us here at Chapel by the Sea.

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.

Weekly Announcements

GLAD Kids — Chapel is again sponsoring a toy drive for GLAD. GLAD Kids Early Learning Center provides early education to all children; while focusing on raising financial support for children of low-income working families. This year the toys will be part of the Heights Center Christmas Outreach Day. The donated gifts will be set up like a store and parents will be invited to choose gifts for their children. The classrooms will have Holiday parties but Santa will not be passing out the gifts. There are presently 92 children enrolled at GLAD from infants up to four years old with 24 staff. Gift suggestions are: Legos, educational toys, dolls, coloring sets, Disney toys, books and board games. Any donated gifts will be appreciated. Donations may be brought to the Chapel library and placed on the table just inside the door by December 17.

Living Gift Market — Join us in Silver Hall on Sundays, December 1, 8 and 15. Before Worship – Market opens at 9:00 a.m./After Worship – Market closes at 12 noon. Give a gift of love and hope that keeps on giving and giving. Choose a gift in the name of a friend, a family member, or a loved one from one of the selections from the Living Gift Market. Medical Benevolence Foundation, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Habitat for Humanity or God's Table.

Concert at Chapel by the Sea: Voices of Naples Concert “Spectacular Sounds of the Season” Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Chapel by the Sea is honored to host Voices of Naples, under the direction of Dr. Douglas Renfroe, as they present an evening of Christmas & Holiday favorites. Pianist LaVon Mattson and the Suncoast a Brass Quintet will accompany the talented vocal ensemble. Voices of Naples provides an opportunity for singers in and around Naples to study and perform choral music. Members are selected by referral and short audition, and study an eclectic repertoire ranging from classical to pop. Voices of Naples is a Florida not-for-profit corporation, which provides scholarships to outstanding students in our area

Sisters In Spirit (SIS) — Sisters in Spirit is a group of women at the Chapel by the Sea who meet once a month. All women are invited to join. This month on December 10 at 11:00 a.m. SIS will once again host a Naughty Santa gift exchange and luncheon in the Session Room of Silver Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a small, "fun" \$10.00 wrapped gift. Don't forget so you can be part of the fun exchange. Also please bring a dish to share for our brunch. Cold drinks and coffee 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.

Choir Performance at the Mound House Christmas Market — December 14, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the Christmas Market at the Mound House on Fort Myers Beach! The event will be on December 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be area vendors, visits with Saint Nick, the Chapel by the Sea Choir and Chapel Chimers, the Beach Baptist Coffee Truck, and the Momentum Brewery & Dog House Food Trucks. The market will be held in conjunction with the Woman’s Club Christmas Tree festival. Admission is free.

God’s Table & Community Cooperative Christmas Meal — The annual God’s Table Christmas meal will be on Friday, December 20 at 12:00 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea. 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, juice boxes, and fruit or pudding cups.

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 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 in the 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. The instructor will have yoga mats but if you have your own, bring it with you. Contact Parish Nurse, Ann Fossum at (239) 463-3173 ext. 13 or ann@chapelbts.org.

Cub Scouts — Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Silver Hall

Chapel Habitat Builders — The “Habitat Builders” have started their new season of volunteering. 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. “On the job training” provided. 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. bring a bagged lunch. Lunch at noon.

Immokalee Soup Kitchen — Chapel serves lunch at Immokalee Soup Kitchen on Friday, December 27. 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**

Sunday, December 1

9:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 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
 11:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 11:15 a.m. Coffee, Snacks & Fellowship

Monday, December 2

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bridge

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Bell Rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. YOGA
 11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 12:00 p.m. Special Music Rehearsal
 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Closed)

Thursday, December 5

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity
 9:30 a.m. Worship Committee
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sew N Sews
 7:00 p.m. Voices of Naples Concert
 “Spectacular Sounds of the Season”

Friday, December 6

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 7

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 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
 11:00 a.m. Living Gift Market
 11:15 a.m. Coffee, Snacks & Fellowship
 11:30 a.m. Discipleship & Fellowship Committee Mtg.

***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 1, 2019

“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...

- Those traveling to Israel
- Leaders of our County
- Brenda
- Mary Reilly
- Vann Turner
- Kate Mason
- Christopher M.
- Santoni Family
- Alex
- Mary Butler
- Carol Mason
- Kailin
- Donald Iverster
- Shirley Sturm
- Sue Sebby
- Kim McCallum
- The Bushnell Family
- Pat Murphy
- Bob Eubanks
- Gwen Green
- Barbara
- Christopher Blackmer
- Paul S.
- Kevin K.
- Dudley Moore
- 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
- Merlyn O’Malley
- Kelly Bynum & Family
- P. Vandlen
- Bob Allegier
- Darlene Guess
- Tievoli Spikes & Family
- Sue Glatz
- Jessica & Doug Grant
- 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

Ushers: Clif & Wanda Hart, Eileen Hoffman, James & Sondra Hunt, Jan Kitchen, Dave Pohl, John Stanek

Greeters: Jack & Julia Palmer

Staff: The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison, Pastor/Head of Staff (skypilot_mddiv@hotmail.com);

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Ann Fossum, Parish Nurse (ann@chapelbts.org)

Denise Armstrong, Office Administrator

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Darren Harkulich, Sexton

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