

Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022



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

PRELUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
The Chapel Chimers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Landon Doggett
Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 112:1-10)

M: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation
of the upright will be blessed.**

M: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness
endures forever.

**C: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

M: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**C: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be
remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.**

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

⁴Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. ⁵This is what the LORD says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

⁶They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

⁷I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

⁸The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD?’ Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

⁹“Therefore I bring charges against you again,” declares the LORD. “And I will bring charges against your children’s children.

¹⁰Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this:

¹¹Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

¹²Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the LORD.

¹³“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Rev. Ducharme

**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.**

**A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983*

People of God, what do you believe?

We believe that in life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING MESSAGE

OFFERTORY

Time of Reflection
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

**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.**

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.

ANTHEM

Time of Meditation
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rev. Ducharme

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

SERMON

God's OODA Loop

**HYMN #421 (Vs. 1-3,5) The Church of Christ in Every Age* William Knapp

1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.

**BENEDICTION*

Rev. Ducharme

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now In Peace

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**Go Now In Peace, Never Be Afraid.
God Will Go With You, Each Hour Of Every Day.
Go Now In Faith, Steadfast, Strong And True.
Know He Will Guide You In All You Do.
Go Now In Love, And Show You Believe.
Reach Out To Others, So All The World Can See.
God Will Be There, Watching From Above.
Go Now In Peace, In Faith, And In Love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Inspirational Music
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

We are delighted to welcome back Rev. ***Courtney Ducharme***, our Pulpit Supply for today's worship service. She is the Chaplain of Golisano Children's Hospital of SW Florida. A retired Colonel in the United States Air Force, Courtney had the privilege of attending Princeton Theological Seminary. She, husband, Jay, and their 13-year old Golden Doodle, Brewster, moved to Fort Myers to be with Courtney's mother in 2019. They are the grateful parents of two beautiful and accomplished daughters, Christianna and Kaileigh.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Silver Hall after the service.

*Denotes standing, if able.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communities in Need – Chapel by the Sea will continue to accept donations on behalf of the Presbytery Disaster Assistance program through Sunday, September 4. The National Response Teams will stay in the affected flood areas for the long haul. Please make checks payable to Chapel by the Sea and add “Flood Disaster” on memo line.

Bible Study with Dr. Jim – Classes will resume Tuesday, September 6 through November 22. New series, “*Saints, Sinners and Apostles: Finding Our Faith Family.*”

New Members – Following worship service, **September 11**, Dr. Jim will be available in his study to meet with those interested in becoming new members and those recently welcomed by the Session. Dr. Jim will provide information about *Being Presbyterian*, what that means, and how to open yourself up to the opportunities at Chapel.

CBTS Giving Opportunities

1. Place donation in offering plate
2. Text: CHAPELFMB \$amount to 73256
(Example: CHAPELFMB 50 – this represents a \$50 donation)
3. Online: Go to Chapel’s website www.chapelbts.org
4. Mail in donation

If have any questions, please call the church office (239) 463-3173.

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

Class of 2023

Cassie Conrad

Laura Miller

Ron Willow

Class of 2024

Landon Doggett

Jennifer Pinkard

Emily Porter

Class of 2025

Doretta Coon

Tom Means

Steve Raps

Board of Deacons:

Lois Doggett, Liaison to Session

Class of 2022

Doretta Coon

Bob Taylor

Class of 2023

Linda Dundee

Lynda Hicks

Marylu Marshall

Louis Monaco

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 – August 28, 2022

“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 Vandlen
- Joanne Oliver
- Julie Toplis
- Brandi Tuggle
- Jennie Dundee
- Debbie Kowalsky
- Ruth Stivenson
- Gloria
- Beverly
- Brad
- Mary & Chuck Scudder
- John Beal
- Karnes Family
- Destiny
- Nevaeh Curran
- Dan Pierce
- Cheryl Pulton
- Chris
- Meghan Atwood
- The Hall Family
- Mimi
- Lou Knipp
- Chip Dutcher
- Texas National Guard
- Rich & Nita Cusano & Fisher Family
- Ernie Brady
- Tre Gillette
- Ada Beebe
- Bob Horning Family
- Don Kotula
- Veronica Z.
- Sandra Dundee
- Trevor Cox, US Navy
- Bill Truax
- Peggy Huff
- Henry Sidok
- Hal Freeburn
- Melanie Freeburn
- Kenrick Beaman
- Will Jacobs
- Jean Clark
- Richard Filiak
- Diane Willow
- Joy Booth
- Maria Werner
- Joshua Stevens, USN - Italy
- Craig & Laurie Furlong
- People of Ukraine
- Those dealing with mental illness
- Unspoken

Staff:

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

Dr Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Director of Music/Organist

Denise Armstrong, Office Administrator

Paul Champa, Sexton

The Rev. Don Jafvert, Pastor Emeritus

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