

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
3rd Sunday of Advent –
Family Gathering
December 12, 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

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PRELUDE

Time of Introspection

Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Piano

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. James Berger

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

M: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

C: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

M: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #41 (All Verses)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

2 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing! (*Refrain*)

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest! (*Refrain*)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON***Isaiah 7:13-15 (NRSV)***

Linda Dundee

Liturgist

13Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? **14**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. **15**He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

***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 ADVENT CANDLE JOY

Linda & Nick Dundee

“Joy Waits For Us at Advent”

Today we light three candles – the candle of hope, of peace and the candle of joy. This third candle reminds us that because of our Lord, we have reasons to be truly joyful. The world around us is filled with surprise and beauty. Our cups overflow with goodness and grace, and we rejoice in the promise of eternal life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, with your gentle gaze, help us look deep within. Forgive us when we give only what we no longer want, or when withhold your love to others. O Lord, let the prophetic words turn our lives to seek and do your will. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Rev. Berger

**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.**

EPISTLE LESSON

James 5:7-10 (NSRV)

Linda Dundee
Liturgist

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING MESSAGE

OFFERTORY

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Dr. Jim Berger, Guitar

Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Piano

**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

Go, Tell It on the Mountain
The Chapel Bells

GOSPEL LESSON**Luke 1:39-56 (NRSV)**

Rev. Berger

39In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, **40**where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. **41**When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit **42**and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. **43**And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? **44**For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. **45**And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

46And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

50His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

53he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

54He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

55according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

56And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

SERMON

“O Come, Thou Dayspring”

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heaven's all gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

**BENEDICTION*

Rev. Berger

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

POSTLUDE

Inspirational Music

Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

*Please lift up in prayer Karyl and Hal Miller and Wilson “Ken” Leary III
on the passing of their beloved son,
Wilson “Kent” Leary IV, on November 30, 2021.*

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Silver Hall.

*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 series “*The Mysteries of the Nativity*” will continue through December 21.

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – Please note the earlier start times: 5 PM and 7 PM.

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

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Bring your nativity sets to church on Sunday, December 19th

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Silver Hall will be open for members and friends of Chapel to display their nativity sets. Bring a card with your name on it and any additional information about your set(s) that you wish to share. You can bring more than one if you wish – the more the merrier!

After worship, we'll head over to Silver Hall for a special “Nativity Walk” to view our beautiful sets. We are excited to see your unique and special sets on display!

If you have questions, call Diane Means, Worship Chair, at 586.747.8960.

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
Steve Fisher
Jack Garner
Stephen Light
Tom Means

Laura Miller
Emily Porter
Jennifer Pinkard
Ron Willow

Board of Deacons:

Lois Doggett, Liaison to Session

Doretta Coon
Linda Dundee
Lynda Hicks

Louis Monaco
Marylu Marshall
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 12, 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...

- Doris DeWitte
- Jesse DeGroot
- 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
- Sheila Simpson
- Jessica Holmes
- Jim & Lorri Marshall
- Bill & Sandy Peters
- Bill Figgins
- Jim
- 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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