

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
4th Sunday of Advent ~
Lighting the World
December 19, 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 (Isaiah 60:1-3)

M: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**C: For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

M: But the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

**C: Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel. (*Refrain*)

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die.
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth. (*Refrain*)

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;

⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

**SING PRIOR TO CANDELIGHTING*

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

“Love waits for us at Advent”

Today, we light four candles – the candles of hope, peace, joy and the candle representing love. This candle is a symbol of Christ’s eternal love for us, as well as a reminder that we have been instructed to love others as we love ourselves. Because God is love, and because we were created in God’s image, we ourselves are the embodiment of God’s love here on earth. Love is patient and kind and powerful, and we all share the calling to go into the world and spread that love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, it is so easy to forget you in the excitement of Christmas. We have ignored your call to us, and have wandered in our obedience to your law. Renew in us that passion for your word, and your living Word, Jesus our Lord. For it is in his name we pray. 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.**

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

OFFERING MESSAGE

OFFERTORY

Advent Meditation
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.**

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.

ANTHEM

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astound Us
Chapel Chancel Choir
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Piano

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Rev. Berger

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he
did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,
²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and
he named him Jesus.

SERMON

“He Comes”

**HYMN #23 (All Verses)*

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1 Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song? (*Refrain*)

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

**BENEDICTION*

Rev. Berger

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

Inspirational Music
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

*The floral arrangements today are given by
the Family of Edgar and Charlotte Fergus
in loving memory of Ed's 100th Birthday, December 23.*

After worship, join us in Silver Hall for a special “Nativity Walk” and refreshments. We are excited to see your unique and special sets on display!

*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.

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.*

Town Hall Christmas Eve Parking – If you plan to park in the Town Hall lot on Christmas Eve, you **MUST** have a special placard, separate from the Sunday placard, indicating that you are attending Christmas Eve service 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.

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.

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 19, 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...

- 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
- 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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