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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled: A Message of Hope

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28th 2021

Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Please rise as you are able.

Advent Wreath Lighting

Introit

Hope is a Light

Hope is a light, hope is a light, hope is a light to show the way, hope is a light to show the way. Light the candle of hope, light the candle of hope.

Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation

Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where the past is past and the future has infinite possibilities.

The Call to Worship

This is the day our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Service of Praise

Processional Hymn

Be Not Dismayed

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you. Beneath God's wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you. When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

All you may need God will provide, God will take care of you. Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you. Lean, weary one, upon God's breast, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Opening Prayer

Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy names.

Sung Response

Amen. Amen. Amen, amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen, amen.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Prophet Jerimiah (29.11-14a)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

I (your God) know full well the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for your misfortune, plans that will offer you a future filled with hope.

When you call out to me and come forth and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, you will find me. When you seek me with all your heart, I will allow you to discover me, says the sovereign God.

In these human words, God's voice is heard.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from the Fourth Gospel (14.1-6, 11-12, 27)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You place your trust in God. Trust also in me.

In my Family home there are many rooms. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, you may also be. You know the way to the place I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus replied, "I am the way..."

Believe me when I say that I am in God and God is in me. But if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do, and indeed will do even greater ones than these..."

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled; be not afraid.

In these human words, God's voice is heard.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

Advent

*Our Hope and Expectation, O Jesus, now appear!
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see
The day of earth's redemption, that brings us unto thee.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Crowded Table

By Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna and Brandi Carlile
Performed by Tara Sperry

Homily

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled: A Message of Hope

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Eagle's Wings

*And God will raise us up on eagle's wings, bear us on the
breath of dawn, make us to shine like the sun, and hold
us in the palm of God's hand.*

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

*Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild:
New life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring.*

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Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild:
New life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring.*

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Jesus
(Acts 20.35)

Offering Prayer

*Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that
I have, all that I give, and all that I receive. Thank you,
God. Amen.*

Offering Music

The Human Heart

By Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty
Performed By Sara Burns

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

Old Hundred

*Praise God the Good we all may share;
praise God the Beauty everywhere.*

*Praise God the Hope of Good to be;
praise God the Truth that makes us free.
Amen.*



Sacrament of Hospitality
Eucharistic Intentions
 Rev Marian Cavagnaro (9am)
 Rev. Lynda Pantoja (10:30am)

We Remember

Zelda Earl	11/28/2004	Glen Wildey	12/01/1990
Jeanne Howard	11/29/1993	Bucky Halcombe	12/01/2018
Mardy Sorko-ram	11/29/1998	Samuel Fata	12/02/2017
Hazel Larkin	11/30/1998	C Eddie Hyre	12/03/2005
Shirley DePauw	11/30/1998	Ed Smith	12/04/1993
Warren Berger	12/01/1988		

Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory and Honor of all
 Sunshine Cathedral Members and Friends
 Affected or Infected by COVID-19

by
 The Sunshine Cathedral Staff

Advent Confession Rev Marian Cavagnaro

One: May we be forgiven for forgetting our divine nature.
All: May we be forgiven for failing to see the sacred value of all people.

One: May we be healed of judging ourselves, and others, too harshly.
All: May we forgive ourselves for not trusting in the absolute goodness and unconditional love of God.

One: May we forgive ourselves and others of all mistakes, real or imagined, since God has always and only seen the truth of our endless goodness.
All: May we now let our light shine and live as the children of God that we are. Amen.

Sung Response No Day But Today

*There's only us, there's only this.
 Forget regret, or life is yours to miss.*

*No other road, no other way, no day but today.
 I can't control my destiny.
 I trust my soul, my only goal is just to be.*

*There's only now, there's only here.
 Give into love, or live in fear.*

*No other road, no other way, no day but today.
 No day but today.*

Intercessions Rev Marian Cavagnaro

One: For the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local congregation, for all who are on our prayer list, for our loved ones, for world and community leaders, and for our own needs, let us pray:

Prayer of Divine Mercy

*Loving Creator, we remember the wisdom and love,
 Peace and integrity of your blessed anointed one –
 our Lord Jesus Christ
 Who taught of your love for us and also the whole world*

For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon us and on the whole world.

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Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One Give blessings to us and to the whole world.

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One: And with people all over the world we pray –
All: May peace prevail on earth.

These prayers we offer in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, and as he did we continue to pray:

Model Prayer

*Creator which art in heaven, hallowed be thy names.
 Thy kin-dom 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 leave us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Words of Remembrance Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: On the night of his arrest Jesus shared a meal with his friends and family of choice. After supper, he took a piece of bread, broke it, and offered it to those at table. Sharing together made them one body. Jesus said, "When you do this, remember me."

One: He then took a cup of wine and shared it with the others. Sharing reminded them that they were bound together in a covenant of love. Jesus again said, "When you do this, remember me."

Chorus

*Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes;
venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus, dominum.*

Invitation to Communion Rev Marian Cavagnaro (9am)
Rev. Lynda Pantoja (10:30am)

These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion is Shared

Communion Song O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and with your captive children
dwell. Give comfort to all exiles here, and to the aching
heart bid cheer. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come
within as Love to dwell.*

*O come, you Splendor very bright, as joy that never yields
to might. O come, and turn all hearts to peace, that greed
and war at last shall cease. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come within as Truth to dwell.*

*O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by our
presence here. And dawn in every broken soul as vision
that can see the whole. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall
come within as Light to dwell.*

*O come, you Wisdom, from on high, from depths that hide
within a sigh, to temper knowledge with our care, to render
every act a prayer. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come
within as Hope to dwell.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev Dr Robert Griiffin

Please rise as you are able.

The Prayer of Protection

*The light of God surrounds us; the love of God enfolds us.
The power of God protects us; the presence of God watches
over us. Wherever we are, God is.*

Benediction Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Final Song Love Train

Commissioning

One: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin!
All: *Thanks be to God!*

Postlude Barbara Ramcharitar

SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Centering Thought

"It is a religious duty to help others...One may aid a fellow [human-being] with a kind word, with a cheerful smile, with an encouraging glance; one may help a fellow human-being with [one's] sympathy, with [one's] purse, with [one's] counsel, and with [one's] prayer."

Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein
Jewish Science Founder

LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR HEARTS:

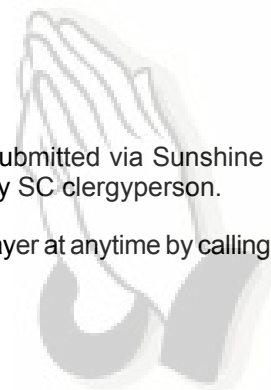
Anita; Mary & her grandson & his partner; Margie's sister; Steve W.; Carol K. & family; Carol's dad (of blessed memory); Gen's departed loved ones; Laurie; Al P.; Michael; Sarah; Dale; Ramona; Sebastian P (of blessed memory); Nicolas; Mark A (of blessed memory); Wayne K; Sandra S; Hilde; Michell; MLF; Alice's mother; Chad F.; Glen (of blessed memory); Byron & Steve; GST; Kirsten; Mark; Codgy; Bill M.; Mark; Yubraj; Earl (of blessed memory); Doug; Graham; Sis; Conor; Andrea & Karen; Tracey; CT & KD; Brad S.; Donna & Carolyn; Steve M.; Lewis family; Mari C.; JL; Juliet; Pat; Angel C. (of blessed memory); C. Walsh; A. Colon; MariaEster; Rey V.; Lucas D.; Will D.; JL; Lydia P.; NN; Bob; Tim L.; Kelli M.; Rosemary; Lee; Mary; S. Julia; MK; Lex; Leigh; Erin; Mimi; Jess; Dani & Andrew; Mari AC; Shawna; all who have been burdened by the pandemic; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Troy & Phillip; Don; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship

Knowing that there is a Power that is omnipresent, that is All Good, and that seeks to joyfully express in and through our lives, we confidently affirm blessings for all who have been committed to the care of our prayers. May each and all be happy and well. Amen.

REMEMBER:

Prayers can be submitted via SunshineCathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6).



SunBurst News

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL HOLIDAY CONCERT - Dec. 4 at 7 pm, FREE Admission. The annual holiday concert is a Sunshine Cathedral tradition. Join us on Dec. 4 and invite your friends as well.

BRANDEN & JAMES - Dec. 5 Join BRANDEN & JAMES at Sunshine Cathedral with special guests Effie Passero & Jonah Wei-Hass as they present A Christmas Gift: a festive concert full of vocal acrobatics, and electrifying instrumental arrangements. Music to include secular & religious holiday songs, along with many other familiar & original songs. Tickets: \$35 - \$55. sunshinecathedral.org/holiday-events/

NOVA SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 AT 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM at Sunshine Cathedral. Ticketed event.

HOLIDAY FOOD SHARING - our food sharing ministry will be offering holiday grocery bags to our clients. From Nov. 28 to Dec. 19. Please donate non-perishable food items that we can share. Any loaves & fishes team member can give you a list of what we need. Direct questions to Rev. Dr. Anne Atwell (anne@sunshinecathedral.org).

ADVENT BEGINS TODAY - Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in Western Christianity as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of Christ. This “coming” refers to the Nativity (birth of Jesus) and for some, it also refers to an expected “return” of Christ. At Sunshine Cathedral, a variety of beliefs are held and welcome, but our pastors suggest that the Christ Nature is within us and the Christ Principle is always present. Our senior minister interprets the Pentecost narrative in the Book of Acts as the spirit of Christ enlivening the Church to be the returned body of Christ, and so, we are the return of Christ!

Nevertheless, Advent calls us to begin again the cycle of worship that focuses on the story of our wayshower, Jesus, and that encourages us to live out his values of compassion and justice-love in the world.

Advent is part of the wider holiday season leading us to Christmas Day. Christmas is a 12 day feast (December 25-January 5) while Advent is the season of four Sundays before Christmas. Advent, like Lent, is a time of reflection, contemplation, and increased prayer and devotion.

The equivalent of Advent in Eastern Christianity is called the Nativity Fast but doesn't begin the Eastern Church year and is observed differently and for a longer period than the Western Advent.

FOLLOW US - We invite you to Follow Sunshine Cathedral on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel. We are also on Tik Tok and Instagram. If our ministry has been a blessing to you, please tell others about the Sunshine Cathedral.

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MASKS IN WORSHIP ARE OPTIONAL FOR THE VACCINATED – We encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated (including booster shots) and to sanitize your hands when entering the worship space. And if you aren't feeling well, stay home (when you're not well, let Sunshine Cathedral come to you via YouTube or Facebook).

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP - If you don't live in the Fort Lauderdale area but are finding Sunshine Cathedral to be a primary source of spiritual enrichment in your life, we invite you to consider joining the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship. You can learn about how you can become part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship by visiting SunshineCathedral.org

HELP NEEDED – We need more help with running worship slides. Those who wish to learn how to operate lights for worship are also needed. Training is provided and one need only be scheduled once every few weeks. For more information or to schedule a training on slides or lights, contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.org).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - We have launched a three year capital campaign to improve various areas of our physical property. Please consider making a pledge to that campaign. For more information, contact any member of the Sunshine Cathedral Board of Governors or reach out to Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.org)

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

November 28: James Allen (1864 – 1912) – best known for his book *As A Man Thinketh*, which has been mass produced since its original publication in 1903. His work is still lauded by motivational speakers and inspirational writers. Allen counseled: “[One’s] mind may be likened to a garden, which may be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild.”

November 29: Dorothy Day (1897-1980)—Prophet of social justice. Despite the fact she held no official position in the Catholic church, and that her thoughts were mostly rejected in her life, it was said at her death that she was “the most influential, interesting, and significant figure” in the history of American Catholicism. Committed to social justice and pacifism, she founded a lay movement, the Catholic Worker movement, which sought to live out the radical gospel commandment of love in the social and political realm by embracing voluntary poverty.

November 30: Apostle Andrew (First Century) – Patron of Scotland.

December 1: Those Who Have Died From and Lived With AIDS: World AIDS Day—Since 1988 this day has been a time for remembering those who have died from AIDS complications and for renewing our commitment to support those living with HIV throughout the world. The red ribbon, which began as a “grass roots” effort, has become an international symbol of AIDS awareness.

December 3: Mary Baker Eddy (1821 – 1910): Author of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures and Founder of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston. Also the leading figure in the Christian Science movement. Mrs. Eddy said, “To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings.”

December 4: St. Barbara (d. 306) – Barbara, a Greek pagan, embraced the Christian faith and dedicated herself to serving the Lord as a consecrated virgin. Her father tried to arrange marriages for her but she always refused. Her father had a bathhouse built for her. It became a place of healing. St. Simeon Metaphrastes compared it to the stream of Jordan.

In time, Barbara ran away from her father but he found her (with the help of a shepherd who, as a result of his helping to capture Barbara, found his flocks, according to legend, turned to locusts) and locked her away. Still, she would not marry nor renounce her newfound faith. Prayer gave her the strength to endure her trials. Finally, Barbara was condemned to death by beheading by her father. Her martyrdom took place on December 4th. Soon after, her father was struck by lightning.

Holiday Concerts

Saturday, 4 December

Sunshine Cathedral Christmas Concert
Admission: Offering

Sunday, 5 December

Concert: Branden & James with Effie Passero
Admission: Ticketed Event

Tuesday, 7 December

Concert: NOVA Singers
Admission: Ticketed Event

Sunday, 12 December

Concert: The Girls’ Choir of South Florida Holiday
Admission: Ticketed Event

Thursday, 16 December

Concert: Seraphic Fire
Admission: Ticketed Event

Friday, 17 December

Concert: Gay Men’s Chorus of South Florida
Admission: Ticketed Event

Sunday, 19 December

Concert: Broward Women’s Choral
Admission: Ticketed Event



Travel Planning Time

**Happening OUT Travel & Sunshine Cathedral
April 19 - May 2, 2022: ITALY**

Experience Rome - Assisi - Montecatini Terme - Tuscany - Venice - Florence - Villages of Cinque Terre - Lucca - Pisa - Tuscan Farms - Chianti - Siena - San Gimignano - Medieval Val d' Orcia, Montalcino Pienza and Montepulciano - Cortona

For more information please contact:
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Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot from 21 November

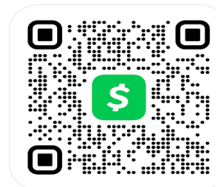
Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
Generosity Income Received	\$13,638.27
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$2,840.71
Per Capita Giving	\$19.83

Worship Services	250
Online Virtual Resourcing	122,721
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	555

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Sunshine Cathedral Online Schedule

Sunday

Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
Sunshine Cathedral YouTube Live
 10:30AM/ET - Sunday Worship

Monday - Saturday:

Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
 Noon/ET - Midday Prayers

Monday

Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
 6PM/ET - 6:30PM/ET - Christians & Cocktails

Monthly Collection Programs

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3rd Sunday - Clothing Collection
 (For BG Hospital & Housing Insecure Individuals)

Due to limited storage space, please bring items on designated Sundays only.

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 9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST)
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