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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Righteous Peace

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5th 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

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

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 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
(Picardy 8.7.8.7.8.7.,
words by Gerard Moultrie and Durrell Watkins)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with hope and reverence stand, Ponder nothing earthly minded, for our blessing is at hand, Christ our Light within, now shineth, our consciousness to expand.

Lord Jesus was born of Mary and of old on earth he stood, Human and divine as we are, expressing our God, the Good – Jesus gives us all a model of Love lived and understood.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light surrounds us from the realms of endless day, That the powers of fear may vanish as the gloom is cleared away.

At Messiah's feet the seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!

Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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.

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Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

From the Writings of Baruch (5.1-4)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from Luke's Gospel (3.1-6)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance..., as it is written in the book of Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths clear. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

Imagine
By John Lennon
Performed By Sara Burns

Homily

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
Righteous Peace

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be, with God our creator, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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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**Sunshine Cathedral
Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation
(10:30AM)**

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." Sir Winston Churchill

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

Someday at Christmas
By Ronald N. Miller and Bryan Wells
Performed by Tara Sperry

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 Renwick Bell

We Remember

Bill Locke	12/05/2003	Adam Perez	12/10/1993
Jim Baker	12/06/1992	Chad Crochet	12/10/1993
Rob Buck	12/06/1994	Rob Ross	12/10/1995
Betty Shreve	12/07/2005	Dale Brook	12/10/2014
Jack Diersing	12/08/1991	Tim Gallups	12/11/1992
Helen Ziezio	12/08/1996	Joddie Brown	12/11/1995
Shirean Gipson-Sius	12/08/2005	Joseph Fontana	12/11/2002
Rob Cancellieri	12/09/1988	Tad Lincoln	12/11/2004
Eduardo Acosta	12/10/1990		

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 Dr Anne Atwell

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 Renwick Bell

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 Marian Cavagnaro

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 Kevin Tisdol

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 Kevin Tisdol

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

"As a spirit, you are a part of God or the Infinite Force or Spirit of good." Prentice Mulford

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

Anita; Carol K. & family; Carol's dad (of blessed memory); Gen's departed loved ones; Sarah; Dale; Chad F.; Glen (of blessed memory); Byron & Steve; GST; Kirsten; Mark; Codgy; Bill M.; Mark; MLF; 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; "The Center" in AP; all who are living with HIV; Joey; Attard family; M. Boyse; Dani & Andrew & family; R.; Daniel C.; Lafave; Georganna; 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

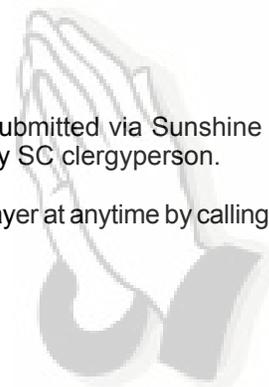
Sunshine Cathedral's Intercessory Prayer

"Mother-Father God, we affirm blessings for all who are on the Cathedral's prayer list and for all who are on our hearts. We trust you to lead, guide, and direct each of us in the ways of happiness, well-being, and right action. We pray for those who hold authority in the nations of the world that they may be guided by wisdom and motivated by a love of justice and peace. We pray for our departed loved ones, (+) let light perpetual shine upon them. And with people all over the world we pray – may peace prevail on earth." 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

**Join us for Christmas Eve Services
7:00pm & 9:00pm**

BECOME A CHRISTMAS ANGEL – Christmas Angels are those who make Sunshine Cathedral's Christmas Eve services grand and glorious. Angels give gift designated amounts in honor of or in memory of loved ones and those gifts make Christmas Eve celebrations possible.

The angel gift amounts are \$125, \$250, \$500, and \$1000. Sponsors give \$5,000 or more. At whatever level you can, we invite you to become a Christmas Angel.

For more information please contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.net) or visit our website (SunshineCathedral.org).

HOLIDAY CONCERT - BRANDEN & JAMES TONIGHT - 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

NOVA SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 AT 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM at Sunshine Cathedral. Ticketed event. www.nova.edu/novasingers/index.html

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).

GIRLS CHOIR OF SOUTH FLORIDA - Sunday, 12 December Concert: Ticketed Event: www.girlchoir.org

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).

SEASON OF ADVENT - 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.

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)

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST is made possible by Happening Out Television Network and donors who support our televised ministry. HOUT TV is housed at Sunshine Cathedral Square.

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

December 6: St. Nicholas (270-343) – known for compassion, courage, and generosity. He is the patron of sailors, pawnbrokers, and children. When his parents died, he gave most of his inheritance to the poor. Because of various miracles attributed to his intercession, he is sometimes called Nicholas the Wonderworker. He was a bishop in Asia Minor during the time of the Roman Empire. His great deeds as told in legend include resurrecting three children who had been killed by a nefarious butcher who killed them and intended to cure them as ham, offering himself in exchange for the release of captives, and attending the first Council of Nicea (his name is included in some records but not in others).

December 8: Bodhi Day - commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama (Shakyamuni), achieved awakening or enlightenment (bodhi in Sanskrit). Siddhartha had recently forsaken extreme ascetic practices and decided to sit under a tree and meditate until he found the root of suffering, and how to liberate oneself from it.

December 9: Blessed Juan Diego (16th century)—Witness to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary appeared, it is said, to Juan Diego with dark skin and Indian features, surrounded by symbols of Indian religion and culture. She spoke to him in his native Nahuatl, not Spanish. The message to the church was clear: it must not serve as the agent of colonial oppression, but be rooted in the experience of the people.

December 10: Thomas Merton (1915-1968)—Trappist monk. An American priest whose writings are among the greatest spiritual works of our time, Merton initially turned his back on the world by seeking solitude at the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky. In time he came to understand a deep solidarity with humanity and concern for issues of peace and justice. He also had a strong interest in Eastern spirituality, especially Zen Buddhism, from which he learned that the path to God is found in experience, not analysis.

Holiday Concerts

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
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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954.900.5942

*Sunshine Cathedral Weekly
Financial Information*

Financial Data Snapshot from 28 November

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
10Generosity Income Received	\$10,767.83
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$28.73)
Per Capita Giving	\$11.56

Worship Services	235
Online Virtual Resourcing	132,222
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	550

Detailed information located at
SunshineCathedral.org

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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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Sunshine Cathedral

Two Sunday morning services
 9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST)
 Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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