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A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme:

Christmas 2/New Year's Day – Follow the Dream

Sunday, January 1st 2023

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Please rise as you are able.

Introit *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.

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

Crucifer - Deacon Lydya Chapman

Processional Hymn *Jesus, the Light of the World*

Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus the light of the world; glory to the Christ-child bring, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus the light of the world; join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Jesus the light of the world; Christ, the everlasting Word, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Hail the bearer of God's peace! Jesus the light of the world; Hail the sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Opening Prayer

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

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.

Please be seated.

The Cathedral's Clarion Call

Service of Proclamation

Wisdom of W. H. Auden

Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Rev Kurt Krieger, and
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

First: ...[Nature is] as big a liar, in fact, as we are.
To discover how to be truthful now
Is the reason I follow this star...

Second: We anticipate or remember but never are.
To discover how to be living now
Is the reason I follow this star...

Third: And I learned why the learned are as despised
as they are.
To discover how to be loving now
Is the reason I follow this star...

Together: But have only the vaguest idea why we are
what we are. To discover how to be human now
Is the reason we follow this star.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

The Gospel According to Matthew

(2.1-12, New American Bible Revised Addition)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn [Jewish] king...? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled... Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people...'"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I

too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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

Song of Response

*Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus,
venite adoremus, dominum.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem *On A Clear Day (You Can See Forever)*
By Burton Lane and Alan Jay Lerner
Performed by Emily Schlorf

Homily *Follow the Dream*
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Altar Call and Anointing

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
echo back their joyous strain.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see.
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come adore on bended kneed,
Joy, our world now entering.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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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New life, new hope the child will bring.
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Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing."
Simone de Beauvoir

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and ever giver. Amen.

Offering Music

Holy Ground
By Geron Davis
Performed By Gary Lane

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a gift, O God, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first fruits give.
Amen.*



Sacrament of Hospitality We Remember

Bob Morse	01/01/1988	Marcie Fox	01/04/2012
Ted Oates	01/01/2002	Phillip Leuttinger	01/05/1991
Bob Horton	01/01/2020	Phillip Luetting	01/05/1991
Donald Grante	01/02/1990	Rick Tiberi	01/05/1992
Walter Gaugler	01/03/2015	Doris Vogler	01/05/1994
Frank Ingrassia	01/04/2006	Robert Bickel	01/07/2003
Carolyn Price	01/04/2008		

Eucharistic Intentions & Intercessions

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local congregation.

We pray for the Sunshine Cathedral's global fellowship and local congregation, may we bring hope and healing to many.

We pray for all seekers of Truth, may they discover an Abiding Peace.

We pray for all who govern that they may work tirelessly for justice, peace, and goodwill.

We pray for any who might be hurting and we give thanks for grace equal to every need.

We pray for those who grieve; may they be comforted.

We bless the memories of our (+) dearly departed, and we allow ourselves to be blessed by those memories.

We affirm blessings for all who are on our prayer list and all who are on our hearts.

And with people all over the world we pray,

May peace prevail on earth!

These prayers we offer in the names of all helpers of humanity, and in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, as we continue to pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

One: In the upper room, before being arrested, Jesus sat at table with friends for a Passover meal. After supper, he took a piece of leftover bread and asked that his friends remember him when sharing the ritual meal. Then he took Elijah's cup, and likewise asked that in future, during the feast, he be remembered.

Sung Response

*Cup of blessing that we share, does it not our faith declare?
Is it not in gratitude, that we take this sacred food? As one body, we are fed, Love we share, one Cup, one Bread.*

Is it not one bread we break? Of God's goodness all partake. Casting out distrust and fear, let us love with hearts sincere! One by God's design are we: let us live in unity.

Invitation to Communion

Rev Kurt Krieger

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

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

For Everyone Born

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Kurt Krieger

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

Lean On Me

Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar



Remember to visit the Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts site at SunshineCathedral.org/Arts - great upcoming performances in 2023.

*Sunshine Cathedral Weekly
 Financial Information*

*Performing Arts Raffle: 10 Sold of 200
 Cruise Raffle: 3 Sold of 200*

Financial Data Snapshot: 24 & 25 December

<i>Weekly Generosity Income Needed</i>	\$11,819.81
<i>Generosity Income Received</i>	\$11,641.42
<i>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</i>	(\$178.49)
<i>Per Capita Giving</i>	\$20.97
<i>SC Square Worship Services</i>	547
<i>SC Global Fellowship</i>	201,625
<i>People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)</i>	4,500
<i>Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached</i>	841

*Detailed information located at
SunshineCathedral.org*

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Nisha; Jeff and Ken; those incarcerated and those who work in prisons; TT; Jamie; Michael & Pam; Carolyn; Helen & Johnny; Frieda (of blessed memory); those lost to AIDS; all who are living with HIV; John; Harry; Carol; Mark; Virginia; Rose E. (of blessed memory); Bob & Kevin; Ringoen family; Cathy's family; Ronnie; Dave C.; Marco; Warren D.; Anecia; Kenneth Q.; Mark/Crystal; KW & SD; Charlotte; James L.; Rick M; Princess; LGBTQ people of Qatar; Gary M.; RW; MaryEmma (of blessed memory); Julie C.; Hillary; Stan C. (of blessed memory); JP Alexander family; Gary M.; Sandy; Gerry C.; Hermione J.; Virginia; Aaron; Peggy; Kevin & Kelli; Rockie; M.; Thomas A.; TA's mother; Dan; Mandino; Eunice; Anthony A. (of blessed memory); Barbara & Tom; Baby Zaedyn; Cathy's family; Marcia & Bill; Ken; Beverly B.; Sherry & Pat; Carol & family; Sandy; grieving families; Grandma Jean; Don; Betty; Jeanne; Faye; BY; someone with pre-natal concerns; all for whom the holidays are difficult; Trevor; Marco; Will D.; Seaveira family; Alexis; A. Weal; Latisha; Michael C.; a mom; Margaret F.; Mark D.; Ruben F.; Bruce G.; Jaime; Mark; Virginia; one with many loved ones in mind; Sequeira-Fernandez-Donahue-Filippone-Wilson family & friends; John & Mary; Venkusa; Jean (of blessed memory); DC; Deb T.L.; Sharon & Dale; the people of Ukraine; Lennie; Terri & her mother; Rodney; DonnaChristine; MLF; Anita; Don E.; Steve P.; Troy & Phillip; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship

Let us pray

We are one with all life and with the source of life. Water, earth, light, stardust, vibrations from the Big Bang... we share these blessed legacies; we are part of the All, the Whole, the Everlasting. And so it is that when we send love, kindness, goodwill and good wishes to one another, these blessings reach us and fortify us and comfort us and enfold us in grace. We pause in this sacred moment to bless these who have been entrusted to our prayers, knowing that in this moment and throughout the new year, miracles are possible. Miracles are on the way. Even now. Yes. We rejoice. 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 Cathedral News

REVELATION: A THREE WEEK STUDY – January 11, 18, and 25 Our midweek bible study will be on the Book of Revelation. No drag this time, just a deep study of a book that has caused a lot of people anxiety but is actually a creative text of resistance to oppression and hope for liberation. 7 pm (free).

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP – Those who don't live locally but who wish to be part of the Sunshine Cathedral community can learn about the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship by visiting SunshineCathedral.org

MAKE-OVER CAMPAIGN (A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER) – The Sunshine Cathedral Foundation did a soft launch of a new capital campaign last year and now it's time to amp it up. The SC Foundation manages legacy funds and capital campaigns to help assure the long term health of the Sunshine Cathedral Square (and all that goes on at the Square). Building repairs, air conditioning, roofs, parking lots, investments, property insurance...all of this and more are handled by our completely volunteer Sunshine Cathedral Foundation Board of Governors. The Foundation even paid for our state of the art courtyard mural that is so beautiful and inviting.

We find that we need to catch up with some deferred maintenance and having survived the pandemic, now is the time to address property issues. We need better storage arrangement for our food sharing ministry, A/C upgrades, window replacements in the Cinelli/LiPuma Admin building, and some improvements for our Global Fellowship outreach (which takes place at Sunshine Cathedral Square). We need to raise a little over \$300,000 to make this all happen and we can take 2-3 years to raise that amount, but we need to start now and if we can get most of that amount pledged in the next several months, we'll be well on our way. It's not an onerous amount if we all chip in. Rather than asking you to increase your giving to the church this year, we're asking that you maintain your 2022 levels of giving and offer whatever you can above that to the Capital Campaign. By taking care of our beautiful property we can continue to offer ministry to our local community and to our Global Fellowship. Pledge and Donate at tinyurl.com/Capital50 or complete a pledge card in the Lawrence/Lewis Center for Worship & the Arts.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST is made possible by Happening Out Television Network and donors who support our televised ministry. Happening Out is housed at Sunshine Cathedral Square. Happening Out programming can be viewed on YouTube, Facebook, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Google TV, and Roku.

A NEW YEAR PRAYER – May 2023 offer each of us joy, vitality, peace, and abundance. May we thrive. May we share. May we find our needs perfectly met. May we love. May we be blessed to be a blessing. And what we wish for ourselves we wish for all people. Amen.

CATHEDRAL SECURITY – Sunshine Cathedral has security cameras throughout the property, a good relationship with law enforcement, and extra security is hired or provided by police at select events. If you ever see something suspicious, please tell a church leader immediately. We take security seriously and are doing all we can to keep this a safe place for us all.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 1: Holy Name of Jesus — Perhaps as a counterbalance to the ancient pagan festivities around the New Year, the Church came to associate January 1st with the naming of Jesus at his circumcision (Luke 2:21).

January 3: St. Genevieve (c. 419 – 502) – Patron saint of Paris (in the musical Camelot, Guinevere sings a prayer to St. Genevieve). Her prayers are thought to have saved Paris from invading Huns, and on another occasion when the city was besieged, her diplomatic efforts are thought to have benefitted the city. Genevieve was a nun known for her charitable work.

Takashi Nagai (1908-1951) — Mystic of Nagasaki. Nagai witnessed the atomic blast over his city. His wife's charred remains were found in the Catholic cathedral, rosary clasped in her hands. As a physician he worked tirelessly for the survivors. When the radiation left him an invalid he became a contemplative, devoting himself to a life of prayer.

Jan. 4: Angela of Foligno is a 13th-century Italian mystic who had a female companion and had visions of God and Christ as mother. After her husband and children died, her "constant and intimate companion" for the rest of her life was a woman named Masazuola.

January 5: Lanza del Vasto (1901-1981) — Founder of the Community of the Ark and Catholic follower of Gandhi.

January 6: The Magi — "Epiphany" is the day traditionally associated with the arrival of the Magi to visit the child Jesus. Some Queer religious leaders suggest that the Magi may have been eunuchs — a sexual minority that would have included people that today would be known as gay, Queer, or transgender. Queer Theologian Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, author of *Omnigender*, surmised: "My guess is that [the Magi] were people who today would be termed transwomen," (from Mollenkott's brochure "Gender Identity and Our Faith Communities").

January 7: Alethea Brooks Small (1848 – 1906) – sister of Nona Brooks and Fannie Brooks James (early pioneers in the Divine Science movement). She encouraged Nona in her early leadership of Divine Science. Her husband was a business partner of Charles Fillmore before Charles & Myrtle founded Silent Unity.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 06, 2023
AT 8:00 PM (EST)

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ELEMENTRIO SINGERS

Vincent Connor | Víctor Valdez | Terry Barber

3 award-winning, international, male vocalists come together to create a sound that is uniquely "EleMenTrio". Terry Barber, Vincent Connor, and Victor Valdez are EleMenTrio.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023
AT 7:00 PM (EST)

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TRAE CROWDER

Known for his YouTube videos and his "Well-Red" and "Fattin' on Airs" podcasts, this self-described "good old boy" and liberal "redneck" is an intellectual, a social commentator, and most importantly, an hysterical comic

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