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Today's Theme:

Baptism of the Lord - Lubricated and Fired Up

Sunday, January 8th 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

You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.

I will trust in you. Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of our God.

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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

Wade in the Water

Wade in the water, wade in the water children, wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

*See that host all dressed in white,
God's gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's gonna trouble the water.*

Wade in the water, wade in the water children, wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

*See that band all dressed in red,
God's gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's gonna trouble the water.*

Wade in the water, wade in the water children, wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

*If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's gonna trouble the water.*

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Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Magnificent and stunning is the cosmos, which creates all things according to the laws of nature. May its majesty be revealed through the study of its mysteries. And may we live in harmony with our mother, the Earth. And let us say.

Congregation: Amen.

One: Blessed be the web of life forever. Blessed, honored, extolled, glorified, and adored be the interdependent web of life. And let us say,

Congregation: Amen.

Prophetic Witness

For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Please be seated.

Sunshine Cathedral Clarion Call

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Sung Response

For the Healing of the Nations

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of John Shelby Spong

Jim Knight - Global Fellowship Member

Instead of seeing ourselves as fallen sinners who need to be saved, a place to begin is to think of ourselves as incomplete human beings who need to be made whole. I used to have a sign on my office wall that read: "Be patient with me. God is not finished with me yet." When we begin to think like this, then Jesus can become not the savior of the fallen or the rescuer of the lost, but the presence of the One who empowers us to become all that we can be.

We must look anew at baptism. It does not wash away the stain of "original sin" for a young and beautiful... baby... Rather, it is the entrance rite that places that infant overtly and self-consciously into a community of people (the Church) who are committed to love him [or her] and in which his [or her] life can be nurtured into a new fullness.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

**Gospel According to Matthew
(3.1-17, Easy-To-Read Version)**
Rev Dr Anne Atwell

When it was the right time, John the Baptizer began telling people a message from God. This was out in the desert area of Judea. John said, "Change your hearts and lives, because God's [Realm] is now very near."

John is the one Isaiah the prophet was talking about when he said, "There is someone shouting in the desert: 'Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the road straight for him.'"

John's clothes were made from camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. For food, he ate locusts and wild honey. People came to John from Jerusalem and the rest of Judea and from all the areas along the Jordan River. They confessed the bad things they had done, and John baptized them in the Jordan.

Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to where John was baptizing people. When John saw them, he said, "You are all snakes! ...Change your hearts! And show by the way you live that you have changed.

I know what you are thinking. You want to say, 'but Abraham is our [ancestor]!' That means nothing. I tell you, God could make children for Abraham from these rocks. The ax is now ready to cut down the trees. Every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down...

"I baptize you with water to show that you have changed your hearts and lives. But there is someone coming later who is able to do more than I can. I am not good enough to be the [servant] who takes off his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and with fire. He will come ready to clean the grain. He will separate the good grain from the straw, and he will put the good part into his barn. Then he will burn [up] the useless part..."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He came to John, wanting John to baptize him. But John tried to stop him. John said, "Why do you come to me to be baptized? I should be baptized by you!"

Jesus answered, "Let it be this way for now..." Then John agreed.

So, Jesus was baptized. As soon as he came up out of the water, the sky opened, and he saw God's Spirit coming down on him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is...the one I love. I am very pleased with him."

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

Song of Response *We Are*

For each child that's born a morning star rises and sings to the universe who we are.

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Please be seated.

The Anthem *Something In The Water*
By Chris Destefano, Carrie Underwood & Brett James
Performed By Aaron Ball

Homily *Baptism of the Lord - Lubricated and Fired Up*
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Altar Call and Anointing **Please rise as you are able.**

Prayer Chorus *The Prayer of Faith*

*God is my help in every need.
God does my every hunger feed.
God walks beside me, guides my way
through every moment of the day.*

*I now am wise; I am now am true,
patient, kind, and loving, too.
All things I am, can do, and be,
through Christ the Truth that is in me.*

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace *How Could Anyone*

How could anyone ever tell you - you were anything less than beautiful? How could anyone ever tell you - you were less than whole? How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle? How deeply you're connected to my soul.

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Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"Of all the varieties of virtue, generosity is the most beloved." Aristotle

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and ever giver. Amen.

Offering Music *Das Wohltemperierte Klavier,
Prelude No. 1
By Johann Sebastian Bach
Performed By Jihong Adams-Park*

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**

Stephen Crompton	01/08/1993	Marguerite Youngblood	01/11/1989
Dru Drake	01/09/1994	Michael Krysiak	01/11/1992
Gordon Fette	01/10/2016	B.J. Feichtner	01/12/1989
Robert Israel	01/11/1988	Joe Mitchell	01/12/1994

Eucharistic Intentions Rev Renwick Bell

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

Prayer Chorus

*May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.
May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.
May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.*

Intercessions Rev Marian Cavagnaro

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 Kevin Tisdol

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 Renwick Bell

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 Renwick Bell

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

Cruise Raffle: 3 Sold of 200

Financial Data Snapshot: 1 January

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$11,819.81
Generosity Income Received	\$7,797.42
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$4,022.39)
Per Capita Giving	\$27.42
SC Square Worship Services	304
SC Global Fellowship	125,052
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	4,500

Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached

Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Nisha; 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; Jeff & Ken; Corbin & Charlie; Ken; Michael; Nicole; a young man suffering severe injuries; Minerva R; Victoria V.; Anthony's aunt; Austin; Martha (of blessed memory); Benjamin; Those who are incarcerated; 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 all share the one fabric of life; we are each a unit of Pure Consciousness, a wave in the Ocean of life... indeed, we are Life waving! And so it is that we are connected to a universal and everlasting Power Source, and we are connected to one another. Our prayers reach out, touching souls throughout this world and worlds beyond. With confidence and gratitude, we lovingly wish every person entrusted to our prayers days filled with joy, peace, hope, achievement, and abundance. We affirm grace equal to every need. We expect and accept miracles. 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

USHERS NEEDED - Starting right away, we need more ushers, especially for our performing arts events. If you would like to become an usher, please see our head usher Peggy Brereton.

MAKE-OVER CAMPAIGN – 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, our courtyard mural painted by a local gay artist Trey Opp...all of this and more are handled by our completely volunteer Sunshine Cathedral Foundation Board of Governors. Having gotten through the pandemic, now is the time to address some property repair 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 few months, we'll be well on our way. It's not an onerous amount if we all chip in. We don't want to over burden anyone. Some have the means to give generously to Cathedral ministries and also support a capital campaign. Others can continue giving as they do to church ministries and can offer a little above and beyond that to the capital campaign. While we ask you to do all that you can, we never ask that you do more than you can. And all gifts are blessed with love and gratitude and put to good use. 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 SunShineCathedral.org/campaign 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is January 15 immediately following the 10:30 am service. The meeting is usually under an hour. Everyone is welcome and members are encouraged to attend.

SAVE THE DATE – Sunshine Cathedral Food Festival, February 4. Enter your favorite dish, or just come and taste everyone's culinary delights. \$15 to enter a dish (includes ticket to the event) or \$15 to attend. More soon, but for now, save the date.

TEAM SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL - Join us on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Fort Lauderdale Beach for the Florida AIDS Walk and Music Festival. www.floridaaidswalk.org and search for team "Sunshine Cathedral" If you have any questions, please contact: Rev Anne at 954-462-2004 ext 208 anne@sunshinecathedral.org or Tito McWilliams-Ramos at banjibwoi@gmail.com

Join the Sunshine Cathedral AIDS Walk Team or support the team, either way, we can make a difference for people in Broward County who require HIV services.

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 8: Jeanne Manford, out of love for her gay son, founded PFLAG (Parent & Friends of Lesbians and Gays), the first organization for LGBTQ people and their parents, families, and allies. She died in 2013 at the age of 92.

January 12: Aelred (1109-1167) – a patron of friendship, and for some, of same-gender love. He described God as "friendship." Historian John Boswell was sure that Aelred was gay, though as a monk, there is no evidence that he betrayed his vow of chastity.

January 13: George Fox (1624-1691) — Founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers). Fox taught that Christians should live simply, not swear any oaths, not make distinctions of social class, and to oppose war and violence. For Fox, the measure of a person's faith was not in theology or even the Bible, but in their own personal spiritual experience. His followers became known as Quakers, a group which represented the left wing of Puritanism that believed in a divine, Inward Light ("that of God" in every person).

January 14: George Berkeley (1685 – 1753) - an Irish philosopher and Anglican bishop. He believed that God is spiritual substance, and everything that is must be made of the same spiritual substance. He wrote, "What [humans] thought to be substance is actually an idea in the mind of God."



2023 Performances

Joe Posa, as Joan Rivers, and Seth Sikes - Saturday, January 14

Las Olas Chamber Ensemble - Saturday, January 21

Trae Crowder - Saturday, January 28

Amy Steele - Friday, February 3

Matt Alber - Friday, February 10

Varla Jean Merman - *Ready to Blow* - Saturday, February 11

Randy Roberts - Saturday, February 25

Miss Richfield, 1981 - *Cancel Cultured Pearls* - Saturday, March 11

Amy Armstrong & Fernando Gonzalez - *The Gato & the Guapo* - Saturday, March 18

Brandon & James with Effie Passero - Saturday, March 25

*Pick up a copy of the 2023 Season Guide
in your pew back or the narthex for more details.*

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Two Sunday morning services
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Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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