

Welcome Home

Sunshine Cathedral

The Largest Progressive Queer Church in the World

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Today's Theme

Glad Tidings

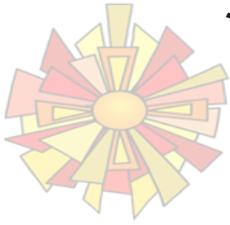
Sunday, December 13th 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

2020 Year of Spiritual Growth

October Began Our

50th Church Year Long Anniversary Celebration

October 1971 - 2021



Sunshine Cathedral Sunday Morning
A Positive Worship Experience
America's Queer Church for All

Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Please rise as you are able.

Opening 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

Joy To the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth her praises bring. Let every heart prepare Christ room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Christ fills the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove. The glories of God's righteousness and wonders of God's love. And wonders of God's love, and wonders, wonders of God's love.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: Despair gives way to joy at the thought of you, Indwelling Good.

All: *We cannot be sad when we think of you.*

One: Sorrow is turned to gladness and shame to rejoicing.

All: *Tears are wiped away*

One: and the sunlight of the Spirit shines through the clouds and lights the way to joy.

All: *And so it is.*

Sung Response

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east: Joy, the Guest is on the way.

People Look East

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

An Angelic Message (Luke 2.10)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

The angel said unto the shepherds: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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

The Wisdom of the Prophet Isaiah (61.1-3)

Rev Kevin Tisdol

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; and has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, To announce a year of divine favor and a day of vindication by our God; To comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of justice, the planting of the HOLY ONE to show divine glory.

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

Please rise as you are able.

Response

Gloria in excelsis Deo - Gloria in excelsis Deo

The Gospel According to Luke (4.16-21)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He...[recited] a passage from Isaiah where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to those who lack vision, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to our God." ...Jesus then sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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

Prayer

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Spirit of God, fall upon us, fill us, and guide us so that we may, with word and deed, share joy with a hurting world. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Panis Angelicus

By Cesar Frank
Performed By Tara Sperry

Homily

Glad Tidings

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

Song of Response

Please rise as you are able.

We Need a Little Christmas

Sign of Peace

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

*Jesus, Jesus, O 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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Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"Giving and receiving are one in truth." A Course in Miracles

Offering Prayer

We give as giving unto God. May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music

Joy

By Nicol Smith, Todd Smith, and Angela Smith
Performed By Sara Burns

Doxology

Rise as you are able.

*As with Gladness Those of Old
As they offered gifts more rare at that manger plain and bare,*

*So may we with holy joy, pure and free from fear's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.*

Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Kevin Tisdol

We Remember

Bill Magrum	12/13/2009	Shelia A. Taylor	12/17/1991
Jason Darrow	12/13/2009	Chuck O'Hara	12/18/1993
Louis Boccella	12/15/1994	Paul Grant	12/19/1989
Kim Gleason	12/15/2009	William DeBar	12/19/1994
Tom Saunders	12/16/2008	Chad Blackwell	12/19/1996
Eddie Wright	12/17/1987	Jay Tramontozzi	12/19/1996
Trudy Masterson	12/17/1989	Richard Drews	12/19/1996
James Daniel	12/17/1991	Herbert Hackney	12/19/1998

Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory of
Lila Dickerman
December 16, 1934 - January 15, 2008

by
Marc Dickerman

Intercessions

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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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us and on the whole world.*

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

Minister: Children of God, let us pray for the needs of the whole world – for peace on earth and goodwill among all people; for unity and concord within this parish and for blessings to flow into our community, our nation, and the whole world.

And because this of all things would rejoice the heart of Jesus, let us remember the poor and challenged, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children, and those who seek spiritual peace, comfort, strength or guidance.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light (+), that multitude which no one can number, who are held forever in the love of God. We humbly offer these prayers using the words of Jesus which we now sing:

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 Dr Anne Atwell

Celebrant: I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Congregation: I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.

Celebrant: Here is the bread of life, food for the spirit. Let all who hunger come and eat. Here is the fruit of the vine, pressed and poured out for us. Let all who thirst now come and drink.

Congregation: We come to break bread. We come to drink of the fruit of the vine. We come to make peace.

Celebrant: May we never praise God with our mouths while denying in our hearts or by our acts the love that is our common speech.

Congregation: We come to be restored in the love of God. We come to be made new as instruments of that love.

Celebrant: We are each worthy. We are each welcome.

Congregation: All are worthy. All are welcome.

Celebrant: Come into the embrace and remembrance of this communion.

Congregation. Alleluia.

Adeste Fideles

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

Invitation to Communion

Minister: In memory of Jesus: these are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Communion is Shared

Final Communion Song

Heal Our Land

*Heal our land, Spirit heal our land;
Hear our cry and turn our nation back to you.
Lord, heal our land, hear us, O Lord,
and heal our land;
Receive our prayer and heal our broken land.
Receive our prayer and heal our broken land.*

*Heal our world, Spirit heal our world;
Hear our cry and turn our nations back to you.
Lord, heal our world, hear us, O Lord,
and heal our world;
Receive our prayer and heal our broken world.
Receive our prayer and heal our broken world.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

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

One: With people all over the world we pray,
All: *May peace prevail on earth.*

Final Song

Higher Love

Comissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar



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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

Centering Thought:

“Watch with me, angels...Let all God’s holy Thoughts surround me, and be still with me while Heaven’s [Child] is born. Let earthly sounds be quiet...Let Christ be welcomed...And let [Christ]...see but sights that show [divine] Love. Let [Christ] no longer be a stranger here, for [Christ] is born again in me today.”
A Course in Miracles

We pray for the following ~

Community of Infinite Spirit (San Jose); Sophia; Al; Doug’s mom; Maralee; Ady; EW; William; Karyn; CJ; Scott; Roberta; Hope J.; Alan; Edwene; MLF; Amanda; Barbara H.; Ann & Deb; Champion; Anita; Carol W.; Stan; Julie; Nancy; Bill; Gary; Eddie (of blessed memory); Jim; Amy; Mickey; Shawna; Steven and his mother; Connie; Beth; Christopher; Elizabeth; Sophia; Claire; all who suffer the pains of injustice; medical practitioners; those who have tested positive for COVID19; children detained at the U.S. border; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities in the US and all over the world; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral;

**Invoke the kindness of divine guardians
Acknowledge “That of God” within
Wish for an abiding peace
Affirm the possibility of miracles
Release**

LET US PRAY

*Children of God –
May angels guard you day and night;
may you commune with the Inward Light.
May peace attend you all your days;
may miracles find you now and always. Amen.*

REMEMBER: Prayers can be submitted via Sunshine Cathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson. You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6)

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SunBurst News

DAILY SPIRITUAL PROGRAMMING – Christians & Cocktails (Mondays, 6 pm EST Facebook live), Share in the Chair (Wednesdays, 6 pm Facebook), Sunday worship (Sundays at 10:30 am on Facebook and YouTube), and Midday Prayer (6 days per week, Mon-Sat at Noon EST on Facebook, Thursday MDP includes a brief homily). Ask about A Course in Miracles via Zoom and our community in Second Life. Also join the Sunshine Cathedral New Thought Community on Facebook for short, encouraging messages, affirmations, and prayers. Pray, study, grow with daily reflection, discussion, and prayer.

PRAYER REQUESTS – send prayer requests to prayer@sunshinecathedral.net. You or the person you are praying for will be added to the prayer list for 4 weeks, the prayer list is shared with a team of almost 50 trained prayer chaplains, and it is published weekly (no last names or conditions named) in the Sun Burst for the entire faith community to hold in prayer. The pastoral staff meets weekly and prays for those who are on the prayer list and the board of directors includes the people on the prayer list in their monthly meeting opening prayer. For additional prayer, call 954.462.2004 x 6 to hear our “Dial-A-Prayer” (updated weekly).

BECOME A CHRISTMAS ANGEL – Christmas Angels are those who make Sunshine Cathedral’s Christmas Eve services grand and glorious. Angels give designated amounts in honor of or in memory of loved ones and those gifts make Christmas Eve celebrations possible (this year including indoor and outdoor worship and online opportunities). 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).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Christmas Eve Services on December 24 at 7 pm and 9 pm. There will be 5 different ways to experience Christmas Eve at Sunshine Cathedral.

1. In the room at 7 pm (reservations and masks required).
2. In the parking lot at 7 pm (service broadcast to jumbo screen, reservations still required...please only reserve one spot per automobile).
3. In the room at 9 pm (reservations and masks required).
4. In the parking lot at 9 pm (jumbo screen, reservations still required...please only reserve one spot per automobile).
5. Facebook and YouTube streaming at 9 pm.

So many ways to safely experience Christmas Eve with Sunshine Cathedral. Join us (one way or another) on December 24 at 7 or 9, on site or online.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION - The Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry is providing holiday food bags to our clients and we need your help! Please consider donating non-perishable food items that can be included in the holiday bags. The collection will begin on Sunday, November 29 and will run through the Advent season. Please see any Loaves and Fishes Team Member for a list of suggested items. And if you have any questions about the outreach ministry, please contact Rev. Anne at anne@sunshinecathedral.net or 954-462-2004 ext. 208.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - NEW!!! Sunshine Cathedral Christmas Day Service - online only (Facebook and YouTube). December 25 at NOON. Make Christmas Day extra special by enjoying an service from the comfort of your own home.

THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER – so Sunshine Cathedral will continue to ask that you reserve your seat at Sunshinecathedral.org if you wish to worship onsite, and we insist that you wear a mask at all times while you are here. We can remain faithful and stay safe at the same time.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 15: Joseph Murphy (1898 – 1981) – an Irish Catholic priest, pharmacist, and psychologist who became a Religious Science minister and then a Divine Science minister. In his life he met Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein. He was a friend of Ernest Holmes and also of Emmet Fox. He loved the teachings of Nona Brooks. He pastored a large New Thought church in Los Angeles and wrote the self-help classic, *The Power of Your Subconscious Mind*. Murphy taught, “Your subconscious never sleeps. It is always on the job. It controls all your vital functions. Forgive yourself and everyone else before you go to sleep, and healing will take place much more rapidly.”

December 16: Joseph Perry Green (1898 – 1981) – founder of the College of Divine Metaphysics (still offering correspondence courses today).

December 17: Feast of St. Lazarus of Bethany – Lazarus was part of Jesus’ chosen family. Some Queer scholars think it is possible their relationship was romantic in nature.

Claude M. Bristol (1891 - 1951) - WW1 veteran and journalist who investigated and practiced what he called “mind stuff” (the power of belief, determination, and visualization). Comedienne Phyllis Diller credited his book *The Magic of Believing* with changing her life and jumpstarting her career. She often gave copies of the book to young performers seeking her advice. Bristol advised, “You have to think big to be big” and “We usually get what we anticipate.”

Dom Bede Griffiths (1906-1994)—Monk and Sannyasi. Raised in a middle-class English family and student of C. S. Lewis at Oxford, Griffiths' spiritual journey led him first to the Catholic faith and the life of a Benedictine monk. While sent to establish a monastery in India, he came to believe that the secularized West had much to learn from the East. He helped found a Christian ashram that was faithful to Christian traditions, but adopted the disciplines of the East, including yoga and meditation. He dressed in the saffron robes and lived as a sannyasi, or Hindu holy man. His liturgies combined Christian and Hindu prayers and readings. He believed he could find the truth of Christ present within all the religions of the world.

Prayer Garden Remembrance Brick

The Prayer Garden with Remembrance Brick is located directly behind the Walt Lawrence & Stephen Lewis Center for Worship and the Arts.

The Prayer Garden is beautifully maintained by our wonderful volunteers that make up the Garden Team. They are generally on the campus each Saturday morning doing various work to maintain the Prayer Garden so that it is always accessible and attractive year round.

There are benches located in the Prayer Garden for those who wish to spend a little extra time. If you would like to dedicate an engraved brick in memory of someone, or if you have any questions or would like to place an order please contact Kevin Tisdol by email at Kevin@sunshinecathedral.net.

The donation to have an engraved brick placed in the Prayer Garden is \$100.00 per brick.

Online via GoToMeeting
Every Monday at 1:00 PM

**BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT
GROUP**

Each of us mourns the death of a loved one differently. Many folks find comfort in sharing the pain, anger, depression and other emotions they feel following a loss.

You must register to attend these meetings
Visit: SunServe.org/OnlineGroups

Sunshine Cathedral
SUNSERVE
WE HELP PEOPLE

Sunshine Cathedral Food Pantry

Open every Wednesday from 11AM – ?? or by appointment

No ID required. No income verification. No questions. No judgment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Rev. Anne 954-462-2004 ext. 208

To make a donation to the Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Program, check out our website sunshinecathedral.org and click on the Food Sharing tab.

Sunshine Cathedral Financial Information

**Donating to
Sunshine Cathedral just got easier**

Venmo or CashApp

Venmo - @SunshineCathedral

CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral

Test to Give - 954.399.7333

Financial Data Snapshot from 6 December

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$13,923.00
Generosity Income Received	\$22,554.00
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$8,631.00

Per Capita Giving \$38.76

Worship Services 216

Online Virtual Resourcing 95,983

Detailed information located on the Cathedral website.

Thank You Christmas Angels

Host Angel

Phil Cordell

Walt Lawrence & Stephen Lewis

Archangels

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin
In Honor of Shawna and Amanda, both bravely battling cancer.

John Kent
In Memory of Terry K Phillpott.

Mark Nogal
In Honor of the Sunshine Cathedral Family.

Angels

Rev Kevin Tisdol & Michael Mitchell
In Honor of our 33rd anniversary.

Peter Oberdorf
In Honor of the Music Ministry.

Phil McChesney & Joel Scinto
In Memory of Kathy Pickar, Rocky Scinto, & our parents.

Robert McCormick & Bary Clifton
In Memory of all of our family.

Terry Regnier
In Memory of Dickie & Jackie-O-Too.

Cherubim

Lawrence Gammons
In Memory of the Love of my Life.

Marc Dickerman

Ralph Stivali
In Memory of Albert LaMorges.

Richard Brown
Gus and Mary Lou Brown Nan and Aunt Kate.

Seraphim

Rev Dr Anne Atwell & Amy Walker
In Honor of SC Food Sharing Volunteers.

Deacon Ed Huckemeyer
In Memory of Nancy A. Carroll.

Erin Aber
In Memory of my beloved grandparents, Joe, Betty and our dear friend Michael.

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Two Sunday morning services
9:00AM (ASL interpreted) 10:30AM
Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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