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*Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021*

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration*

*October 1971 - 2021*



## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE



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October 3, 2021

To the Congregation of Sunshine Cathedral:

Today, the Fort Lauderdale and greater Broward County community gathers to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sunshine Cathedral, the oldest established LGBTQ+ organization in the county, and "the world's largest progressive queer church."

Organized in 1971 and originally named Church of the Holy Spirit Metropolitan Community Church, the congregation was founded by LGBTQ+ people with an affirming and primary outreach to the LGBTQ+ community, their friends, and allies.



Many of the LGBTQ+ organizations in Broward County can attest to having a present or past connection with the cathedral, including various progressive and justice seeking religious organizations such as Metropolitan Community Churches, the Center for Progressive Christianity, the International New Thought Alliance, the International Council of Community Churches, the Divine Science Federation International, the Global Justice Institute, and BOLD Justice.

Under the leadership of the Reverend Elder John Gill, the Right Reverend Grant Lynn Ford and the Reverend Doctor Durrell Watkins, the only three individuals to serve as senior pastor of Sunshine Cathedral in the last 44 of its 50-year history, the church has long advocated and worked for marriage equality, women's rights, HIV prevention, Transgender rights, and acknowledgment that "all people have sacred value and are made in the divine image."

Through local programs and live-streaming broadcasts, Sunshine Cathedral now engages a global congregation of over 30,000 people and serves over five million individuals annually.

This church, its leaders, and its members have been a beacon of light in South Florida since its founding 50 years ago and I am proud to help declare Sunday, October 3, 2021 as Sunshine Cathedral Day in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

Yours,  
  
Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

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Dear Sunshine Cathedral Congregation:

On behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale's District 4 community, I congratulate Sunshine Cathedral on your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Since your founding in 1971, Sunshine Cathedral has provided a welcoming home for our community and stands as a beacon of hope and light to those seeking God, love and acceptance. Sunshine Cathedral continues to shine in our community supporting those in need with its food assistance program and providing amazing fellowship to our LGBTQ community. This is all thanks to the generosity, love and faith of the congregation and your church's wonderful leadership. On behalf of our community, let me share my personal gratitude for the great blessing of having you in our community.

I pray for your ministry and may God continue to bless all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Ben Sorensen  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
District 4

## **Service of Gathering**

### **Welcome**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

***Please rise as you are able.***

### **Introit**

*There is Sunshine in My Soul Today*

*There is sunshine in my soul today, it is glorious and bright,  
Ever glowing with a warming ray for Jesus is my light.  
O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,  
As the peaceful, happy moments roll:  
For I behold the Christ in every face  
and there's sunshine in my soul.*

### **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**

*We Are the Church Alive*

*We are the Church Alive, Christ's presence on this earth;  
We give God's spirit body in the act of our new birth.  
As yielded open channels for God's descending dove,  
We shout and sing, with joy we bring God's all-inclusive  
love.*

*We are the Church Alive, our faith has set us free;  
No more enslaved by guilt and shame, we live our liberty!  
We follow Christ's example and freedom now proclaim,  
Destroying myths of doubt and shame in Jesus' mighty  
name.*

*We are the Church Alive, the body must be healed;  
Where strife has bruised and battered us, God's  
wholeness is revealed.  
Our mission is an urgent one; in strength and health let's  
stand, So that our witness to God's light will shine across  
the land.*

*We are the Church Alive, all praise to God on high.  
Creator, savior, comforter! We laud and magnify  
Your names, almighty God of love; pray, give us life that we  
May be your Church, the Church Alive, for all eternity.*

### **Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation**

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

***Please be seated.***

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation**

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**Mayor Dean Trantalis**

## **Service of Proclamation**

### **The Wisdom of Kenneth L. Patton**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Let us worship with our eyes and ears and fingertips; let  
us love the world through heart and mind and body.

We feed our eyes upon the mystery and revelation in  
the faces of our brothers and sisters.

We seek to know the wistfulness of the very young and  
the very old, the wistfulness of people in all times of life.

We seek to understand the shyness behind arrogance,  
the fear behind pride, the tenderness behind clumsy  
strength, the anguish behind cruelty.

All life flows into a great common life, if we will only open  
our eyes to our companions.

Let us worship, not in bowing down, not with closed  
eyes and stopped ears.

Let us worship with the opening of all the windows of our  
beings, with the full outstretching of our spirits.

Life comes with singing and laughing, with tears and  
confiding, with a rising wave too great to be held in the  
mind and heart and body, to those who have fallen in love  
with life.

Let us worship, and let us learn to love.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

***Please rise as you are able.***

### **Words of Scripture**

**(Matthew 16.18, Psalm 79, Galatians 6.9)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus said, "I tell you that you are Peter, and on this  
rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not  
overcome it."

The Psalmist wrote, "We your people, the sheep of your  
pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to  
generation we will recount your praise."

And St. Paul encouraged, "Let us not grow weary of  
doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not  
give up."

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

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Sung Response**

*Gloria, Gloria*

*Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

***Please be seated.***

### **The Anthem**

*You Shine*

By Dean Pitchford and Michael Gore  
Performed By Sara Burns

### **Homily**

*Still Shining!*

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

## Invitation to Prayer

***Please rise as you are able.***

### Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

#### Sign of Peace

*Coming to our Own*

*Lord, we are your servants; we've trod a winding road,  
converging past and present, surrendering the load.*

*You've given us a vision and the courage to respond  
to the promise of our legacy: a name that will live on –*

*Free to love, free to live, free to dream, free to give.  
We're a fam'ly coming home, we are coming to our own.*

*We have laughed, we have cried, we have lived we have  
died. We're a fam'ly coming home, we are coming to our  
own.*

### Service of Sacraments

#### Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

#### Stewardship Thought

"People who make it their daily intention to give and serve  
typically feel fulfilled." Michael J. Chase

#### 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

*Aria*

By George Frederick Handel

Performed By Laura Gonzalez and Barbara Ramcharitar

***Rise as you are able.***

#### Doxology

*God's Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;  
from the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous  
day.*

*Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our  
human span, God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our  
stewardship began.*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sunshine Cathedral's 50th anniversary is being celebrated throughout October. Please participate in as many events as possible.

Keep Sunshine Cathedral and the many people we serve in your prayers, and continue to support Sunshine Cathedral with time, talent, and treasure.

Sunshine Cathedral is reaching out to people all over the world offering encouragement and affirmation. Our global worshipping congregation is 30,000 or more most weeks, and in 2020 we served over 5 million people on site and through social media.

From helping people achieve sobriety, to feeding 600 or so people each week who face food insecurity, to providing a safe place for the arts to nourish minds and spirits, to supporting and aiding justice work, to being a pop up vaccination site, to operating a 7 day per week prayer ministry, to offering a progressive, positive, practical vision of faith, to celebrating the LGBTQ+ children of God and those who love them, Sunshine Cathedral is committed to being Christ in the world, and for that we joyfully ask for your support.

Thank you for being a bright light to the world. We have so much more we wish to do. The last 50 years have been amazing; the next 50 will be even better. God bless you always.



## **Sacrament of Hospitality**

### **Eucharistic Intentions**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

#### **We Remember**

Patrick McManus	10/03/1993	Ernest Phalen	10/07/1981
Ken McEnerney	10/03/1995	Dale Meredith	10/07/1999
Steve Hamby	10/04/2007	Charles Midlar	10/08/2005

#### **Rainbow Candles are Lit Today**

##### **In Honor of**

Rev Elder Troy Perry

##### **In Memory of**

Sonia López,  
1/13/1941-9/1/2021

### **Prayer Chorus**

*On 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.*

### **Intercessions**

Rev Renwick Bell

For the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local congregation, for all who are on our prayer list, for our loved ones and our world, we now pray:

God knows each of us, and loves each of us, and cares for each of us.

God is Love.

God is constantly trying to guide us in paths of peace and joy.

The divine will for us is peace of mind, true place, happiness, and continual progress - May God's will be done in our lives.

And with people all over the world we pray,  
*May peace prevail on earth.*

Using the words of Jesus, 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 Robert Griffin

### **Invitation to Communion**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

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 woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
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 young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
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 Dr Anne Atwell

*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

*This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

### Commissioning

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

### Postlude

Ms Barbara Ramcharitar



Bob Horton was the founding member of the church now known as Sunshine Cathedral. In fact, early worship services were held in his home. Over the years he served the church in various capacities, including organist and deacon. Bob was an active part of the church through every pastorate the church has had so far.

Our 50 year history begins with Bob Horton. A man of charm, wit, and generosity, he is dearly missed.

Robert Edwin Horton  
December 4, 1940 ~ January 1, 2020

## SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

### Centering Thought

"As children of the Most High we have a divine heritage and therefore a right to expect that God will take care of us in every way." Emmet Fox

**We pray for the following ~** Marcin's dad; Christian H; Rick M; Michelle; Lily D & Family; Craig C; Gio A; Andrew C; Chris; Nancy R.'s son; those on Laurie's heart; Joanie (of blessed memory); Kathy (of blessed memory); Margie's family; Connor; Emma; Sis; Gramma; Hildra; Heel; Dav and the Rice family; Cody; Rozen; Nancy; Doug B.; Trish; Jane; Debbie; Tyler; Freddy; Linda; Jack S. (of blessed memory); Carl B. (of blessed memory); Walt L. (of blessed memory); Michael; Michelle; Andrew & Daniel; Sammy; Gloria; Baby James & family; Gloria B.; Rosie & family; BK; MPT; John K.; Jacques & Craig; John B.; WB & Jeff; Judy; Sarah; Mary & her family; Karyn; Elijah (of blessed memory); Kelli; David B.; Ray S.; Jonny A.; Alexander; BRS; Christy N.; P&T; A.L.'s sister (& her partner of blessed memory); John's father (of blessed memory); Sandy & Alex; Brad; John's mom; Ben & son; John's partner & brother; Karen; Lenni; AGW; MLF; Adriane & family; Anne; Gram; Jeanne; Chicki; Sam; Katie; Matt; BRS; Mary; Dayse; John B.; Rick; Steve M; L.L.E.; M. & M.; Chris N; Jan B; Daniel F; Jenn C; Macia; Lewis Family; Barbara L; Debbie's mom; 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

**LET US PRAY -** *We hold these dear ones in the light of divine love. In that light, blessings are clearly seen, opportunities are illumined, and paths of joy are made known. Miracles abound and so we rejoice. 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).



# SunBurst News

## October

### 50th Anniversary Events

#### 3 October

Anniversary Concert: New Directions Chamber Musical  
- Guest Artist: Joana Gonzalez, Piano  
7PM - \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

#### 9 October

##### Anniversary Reception

Sunshine Cathedral Foundation and Sunshine Cathedral  
Gala Reception and Capital Campaign Kick-Off  
6PM - \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

#### 16 October

##### Anniversary Community Concert

Representatives from the Sunshine Cathedral Choir,  
Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida, South Florida Pride  
Wind Ensemble, NOVA Singers and Opera Fusion  
7PM - \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

#### 24 October

**13th Annual Fort Lauderdale Edition of the OUTshine  
LGBTQ+ Film Festival** - Visit <https://outshinefilm.com/films/program> for more tickets and more information.

**If a ticketed event is cancelled due to COVID-19, a refund must be requested within two weeks of the event by email to [Robert@SunshineCathedral.org](mailto:Robert@SunshineCathedral.org).**

**CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** – *Lord of Life, Mother of All, Goddess/God, Eternal Spirit: We give thanks for Sunshine Cathedral's 50 year history, loving witness, and tireless service. Through hurricanes and droughts, AIDS and COVID, homophobic and transphobic attacks, shifting political and economic climates, and the many changes and challenges of life, Sunshine Cathedral, by its current and previous names, and in its current and previous locations, has been a strong and committed presence in, and a voice of hope reaching far beyond, our community. We rejoice in the visionary leadership we have had these many years. We affirm our ongoing commitment to being a place of hope and healing. We bless Troy Perry whose prophetic and inclusive dream for the Church and for the LGBTQ+ children of God continues to inspire us. We acknowledge the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that have sustained this ministry for half a century. And we pray for Sunshine Cathedral to continue to thrive. May Sunshine Cathedral be a bright light in the world and may our message and mission bring peace, joy, and empowerment to people all over the world. We trust and believe that the future has infinite possibilities. And so it is.*

**MASKS FOR SAFETY** - We are asking people to wear masks for worship at Sunshine Cathedral.

**THANKSGIVING HARVEST** - Sunshine Cathedral's annual Thanksgiving Harvest Campaign is in motion until November 21. We ask that you give \$99 above and beyond your regular financial gifts to the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral and to make that easy, we simply put aside one dollar per day for 99 days. Fill out a Harvest Campaign card. You can dedicate your gifts in the name of something or someone for which you are grateful.

**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](http://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.

**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. It's a great help if you are available for both 9 am and 10:30 services on a given Sunday, but you can volunteer for just one time slot. For more information or to schedule a training on slides or lights, contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin ([robert@sunshinecathedral.org](mailto:robert@sunshinecathedral.org)).

**FOLLOW US** - We invite you to Follow Sunshine Cathedral on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel. And if our ministry has been a blessing to you, please tell others about the Sunshine Cathedral.

**CHRISTIANS & COCKTAILS** - Join us on Mondays for Christians & Cocktails (6 pm EASTERN, Facebook) where a panel of lay and clergy leaders discuss religious questions asked by viewers. No question is off limits.

**MIDDAY PRAYER** - Pray with us daily at Noon EASTERN on Facebook. Staff clergy rotate Monday – Saturday to lead us in prayer.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**October 4: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)**—Friar and founder of the Franciscan order. Born into a wealthy family, he sought glory as a young knight, but instead ended up seriously ill and in prison. Encounters with beggars and lepers touched him deeply. He is known for loving animals, hugging lepers, and praying for peace. Some historians note that Francis was called “Mother” by some of his friends. He had a vision of the Holy Trinity and in his vision the Trinity was female. He allowed a woman to enter his all male cloister and he called her “Brother Jacoba.” His partner in ministry was a woman, Clare. And some believe he had a male companion whom he loved dearly.

**October 6: Myrtle Fillmore (1845 – 1931)** – Myrtle contracted tuberculosis at a young age and spent many years experiencing herself to be chronically frail. She attended a lecture by metaphysician E.B. Weeks in 1886 and learned of the efficacy of affirmative prayer. She started declaring for herself, “I am a child of God, and therefore I do not inherit sickness.” In time, she found herself to be the picture of health. She was so excited about the discovery of the power of affirmative prayer that she started working with others with healing needs. She and her husband Charles went on to found the Silent Unity prayer ministry (and Unity School of Christianity and Unity Village, all of which are still in operation today). At the age of 86, Myrtle made her transition from this experience of life to the next on October 6, 1931.

**Troy Perry, founder of Metropolitan Community Churches (1968)**—Anniversary of the first service held by Troy Perry, a former Pentecostal minister from Florida (b. July 27, 1940) who had been thrown out of his church for being gay. Troy knew that his experience was not unusual and he felt called by God to start a church where LGBT people would be welcome. He held the first service in his living room near Los Angeles. Twelve people joined him for the first service of what became MCC of Los Angeles, the Founding Church of the Metropolitan Community Churches movement.

**October 7: Ss. Sergius and Bacchus (d. 290)**—Martyrs in death and lovers in life. These two saints were tortured for refusing to compromise their faith by making a sacrifice to Jupiter. They were officers in the Roman army and they were also a couple. After their arrest they were paraded through the streets in women’s clothing, which was meant to humiliate them. Bacchus died first and came to Sergius in a vision, telling him not to lose heart because they would soon be together for eternity. They later became patron saints of the Byzantine army, and are still honored among certain Arab nomads. Some gay people consider them to be patron saints of same-gender love.



## 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 26 September

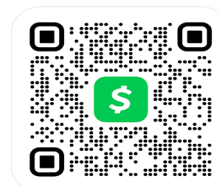
Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
Generosity Income Received	\$8,068.17
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$2,729.39)
Per Capita Giving	\$30.14

Worship Services	150
Online Virtual Resourcing	92,172
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	554

Detailed information located at  
[SunshineCathedral.org](http://SunshineCathedral.org)

### Donating to Sunshine Cathedral

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## ***Ministers of Sunshine Cathedral***

***Sunshine Cathedral has had 6 Senior Ministers in its 50 year history:***

***Rev. Ted Callaway (1972 – 1973)***

***Rev. Don Hoffman (1973 – 1974)***

***Rev. Peter Wilson (1974 – 1975)***

***from 1975 – 1976 the congregation was lay led***



***Rev. Elder John Gill (1976 – 1986)***

The Reverend Elder John Gill earned a bachelor's degree from Franklin & Marshall College and a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. His background was Presbyterian and he was ordained in Metropolitan Community Churches in 1972. In addition to pastoring in Fort Lauderdale, John also served as a founding pastor in Atlanta, and as a pastor in Houston, Sarasota, and Phoenix. He was Church of the Holy Spirit's (now known as Sunshine Cathedral) first long term pastor.



***Rt. Rev. Grant Lynn Ford (1986 – 2007)***

The Right Reverend Grant Lynn Ford was a graduate of Eugene Bible College (now known as New Hope Christian College). He was later awarded an honorary doctorate from Light University (now known as The Samaritan Institute). He was ordained a Pentecostal minister and served as a music minister in an Assembly of God church. He was consecrated a bishop in the Independent Catholic tradition and served as the Abbot of the Poor Servants of Jesus community in Chicago. He became an MCC minister and pastored a Metropolitan Community Church in Illinois before coming to this church. He was the pastor of Sunshine Cathedral for 22 years and was ordained a Divine Science minister the year before he died. He was a life member of the International New Thought Alliance. The Cathedral's Grant Lynn Ford Prayer Garden is named for him and his remains are housed in Sunshine Cathedral's Memorial Chapel.



***Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins (2007 – )***

The Reverend Doctor Durrell Watkins, our current senior minister, holds a B.A. from Henderson State University, an M.A. from Goddard College, a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary (NYC), and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Episcopal Divinity School. He is an ordained Metropolitan Community Churches minister and also an ordained Divine Science Minister. He has standing in the International Council of Community Churches. Durrell has been a staff minister at churches in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Hagerstown (MD), an interim pastor in Waco (TX), a solo pastor in Longview (TX) and North Brunswick (NJ), and was the Director of Pastoral & Educational Services for Tarrant County AIDS Interfaith Network. In 2006 Durrell joined the staff of Sunshine Cathedral as the Canon Precentor (Worship Coordinator) and in 2007 became our Senior Minister.



***SW 2nd Court in Sailboat Bend***

***SW 27th Street***



***1480 SW 9th Ave***



## The Cathedral Staff

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### Executive Leadership Team

Rev. Durrell Watkins, DMin, Senior Minister  
Rev. Robert Griffin, DMin, Executive Minister  
Rev. Anne Atwell, DMin, Minister of Connections  
Rev. Kevin Tisdol, Minister of Education  
Mrs. Sara Burns, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Vocalist  
Ms. Barbara Ramcharitar, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Organist

### Artists-in-Residence

Tara Sperry, Vocalist  
Paul Phillips, Bassist  
Teresa Flores, Percussionist  
Gary Lane, Assistant Organist  
Edwin Neimann, Pianist  
Cheryl Barth, Assistant Pianist  
Sam Miller, Videographer  
Phil McChesney, Handbell Director  
Kurt Litzenberger, Set/Sound & Lighting

### Support Ministries Leaders

Rev. BK Hipsher, DMin, Virtual Minister  
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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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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Two Sunday morning services  
9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST)  
Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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