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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 50th 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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I AM Thankful For ...

*Allan Dewes - The memory of Dianna Jensen.
Austin Lee - The memory of Dianna Jensen.
Bary Clifton - My husband & Sunshine Cathedral.
Bob Laytart - Sunshine Cathedral.
Brian Flanagan & Cory Hagopian - Health, happiness and friends.
Carman Roccia & Paul Phillips - Family & friends.
Deacon Ed Huckemeyer - Our Pastoral Care Visitation Team
Deacon Lydya Chapman and Linda Edin - Our health.
Deacon Michael Karban - Loving ministry of SC, family & friends.
Deney Priddy Kretman - 2021 change in life.
Glenn Lengyel - My husband, Martin. Our good health & Sunshine Cathedral
James McDaniel - Good health and my partner Walt.
Jim Burke - Joe's health providers.
Joe Osborne - My sisters and my wonderful friends.
Joel Carr
John - Peace of mind.
John Kent - Sunshine Cathedral Food Program.
Jonny Altobell - All First Responders.
Mario Rios & Carl Shearer - Sunshine Cathedral.
Mark Lubold - Rodney and my church family.
Melody Fiore - My church family.
Michael Moore - My spiritual growth.
Penny Sanfilippo - Friends & family.
Phil Cordell - Our Sunshine Cathedral Community.
Phil McChesney & Joel Scinto - Blessings of health and friends.
Rev Dr Anne Atwell - The Food Sharing Ministry Team.
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins - Family & Sunshine Cathedral.
Rev Dr Robert Griffin - Family & Sunshine Cathedral.
Robert McCormick - Sunshine Cathedral.
Rodney Bolton - My church family and Markie.
Stephen Konigsberg & Dario Da Silva - Health & family.
Steve McGehee - Being blessed.
Tom Korzon
Tyler & Luis Gonzalez
Warren DeFrank - Family, friends and health.*

Happy 50th Sunshine Cathedral

I'm Mike Manning. When I moved to Florida I searched for a church where I could finally have an authentic worship experience. At the Sunshine Cathedral I knew that I had found it. I got involved in the church's data entry, Board of Directors membership, Foundation office service and a commitment to love and support our Ministry and Faith Family. And I have felt blessed for eighteen years.

Congratulation and Thank You Sunshine Cathedral for 50 years of teaching and sharing LOVE.

Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Please rise as you are able.

Introit

Walking in Sunlight, all of My Journey

*Walking in sunlight all of my journey, over the mountains
through the deep vale;
Jesus has said, "I'll never forsake thee," promise that's true
and never can fail.*

*Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul
with glory divine;
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing praises, God's love is
mine.*

Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation

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

The Call to Worship

This is the day our God has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Service of Praise

Processional Hymn *When Israel Camped In Sinai*

*When Israel camped in Sinai, God spoke and Moses
heard, this message tell the people, and give them this
my word,
From Egypt I was with you; I bore you on my wing, the
whole of your great nation from slav'ry I did bring.*

*Just as a mother eagle who helps her young to fly, I am
a mother to you; your needs I will supply,
And you are as my children, my own who hear my voice,
I am a mother to you, the people of my choice.*

*If God is like an eagle who helps her young to fly, and
God is also father, then what of you and I?
We have no fear of labels; we have no fear of roles,
God blends them and transcends them; we seek the self
same goal.*

*Our God is not a woman; our God is not a man. Our God
is both is both and neither; our God is I Who Am.
From all the roles that bind us, our God has set us free.
What freedom does God give us? The freedom just to
be.*

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Liberation is costly. Even after the Lord had delivered the Israelites from Egypt, they had to travel through the desert. They had to bear the responsibilities and difficulties of freedom. There was starvation and thirst and they kept complaining. They complained that their diet was monotonous. Many of them preferred the days of bondage and the fleshpots of Egypt. We must remember that liberation is costly. It needs unity. We must hold hands and refuse to be divided. We must be ready. Some of us will not see the day of our liberation physically. But those people will have contributed to the struggle. Let us be united, let us be filled with hope, let us be those who respect one another. In these human words, God's voice is heard.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Wisdom of the Torah (Exodus 16.2-10, 13-18)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

The whole community of Israelites began complaining to Moses and Aaron in the desert. They said, "It would have been better if we had died in Egypt. At least there we had plenty to eat. We had all the food we needed. But now you have brought us out here into this desert to make us all die from hunger."

Then God said to Moses, "I will cause food to fall from the sky. This food will be for you to eat. Every day the people should go out and gather the food they need that day..."

So Moses and Aaron said to the Israelites, "Tonight you will see divine power..."

You have been complaining... So tomorrow morning you will see the Glory of God...

Then Moses said, "In the evening Providence will provide meat to eat, and in the morning you will have bread. God will do this in response to your complaining... which was against God, not us. What can we do?"

So your complaints are really against God."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the whole community to come together before the Lord..."

So Aaron spoke... and while he was talking, the people turned and looked into the desert. And they saw God's Glory appear in a cloud.

That evening, flocks of quail came and filled the camp, and in the morning dew lay on the ground all around it. After the dew was gone, something like thin flakes of frost was on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they asked each other, "What is that?" because they did not know what it was. So Moses told them, "This is the food Heaven is giving you to eat. Each of you should gather what you need..."

So that is what they did. Some people gathered a large amount, some people gathered a little. But when they measured what they had gathered, there was no shortage and there was none left over. Everyone gathered just what they needed.

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Sung Response

Gloria, Gloria

*Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

Please be seated.

The Anthem

The Climb
By Jessi Alexander and Jon Mabe
Performed By Sara Burns

Homily

The Journey Continues
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit
in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send
us power, send us grace.*

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

"There are few ways of spiritual enrichment like the
exercise of faithful stewardship." Stephen Olford

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

Morceau de Concours
By Gabriel Faure
Performed By David Suarez

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.*



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Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Kevin Tisdol

We Remember

John Willy	10/10/2004	John Graves	10/13/2003
Petra Hernandez	10/10/2018	Terry Moore	10/14/2011
Tom Darnell	10/11/1996	Robert Twiggs	10/16/1995
Walter Nieman	10/11/2015	Judi McDonald	10/16/1999
Captain Jack Mainey	10/12/1993		

The Rainbow Candle is Lit

Today

by Jeff & Wade Boyles-Hays

In Honor of

Sarah and Dale Boyles
celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

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

Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

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 Kevin Tisdol

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 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:

"Dear God...may I remember that in you there is always hope." Marianne Williamson

We pray for the following ~

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); Nancy's son; Kelli; David B.; Ray S.; Jonny A.; Alexander; 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's family; Anne; Gram; Jeanne; Chicki; Sam; Katie; Matt; 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; Anon; K. Robinson; BRS; Adriane & son; Laurie; Boston (of blessed memory); Marina; Thomas; Bo; Ken; Sonia L. (of blessed memory); Mari Ann C; Joan; Linda; Karl; Ralph; Danny; Martha; Kevin D; Sue's mom; Marcus; Randolph (of blessed memory); Thomas S.; 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

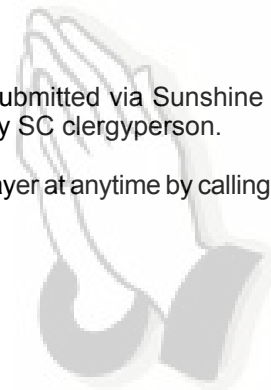
LET US PRAY:

*We hold these dear ones in the light of divine love.
We affirm blessings for each of them.
We give thanks for grace equal to every need.
We believe in and expect miracles.
And so it is.*

REMEMBER:

Prayers can be submitted via SunshineCathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6).



SunBurst News

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SAVE THE DATES -

16 October - Anniversary Community Concert: Representatives from the Sunshine Cathedral Music Ministry, Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida, South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble, and Opera Fusion will join together for this event.

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.

For event times and ticket prices, see the back page of the Sun Burst or contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin 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

HAPPY NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY – October 11 is the Anniversary of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. This day has been marked yearly in the LGBTQ community since 1987. Because equality cannot be achieved by staying in the closet, it is important for LGBTQ people to come out to friends and family. When people know a gay or lesbian individual personally, they are far less likely to maintain negative stereotypes and prejudices. Coming out isn't a one time event, but is rather a lifelong process.

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).

FOLLOW US - We invite you to Follow Sunshine Cathedral on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok 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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Sunshine Cathedral Foundation is currently seeking a Part-Time Bookkeeper to support the Foundation. The preferred candidate will have a basic understanding and experience with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), financial record-keeping, calculating, posting and verification of financial data, and reporting. The position is anticipated to require on-average ten hours per month, including preparation of monthly reports and reconciling bank statements. During periods of annual audits, as well as Capital Campaigns, the duties and time required may vary. Interested persons should send a copy of their resume by email to info@SunFound.net and to the Foundation Chair, Phil McChesney at prmcchesney@yahoo.com.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October 10: Brown Landone (1847 – 1945) – as a child “BL” (as his friends would later call him) was considered an invalid. His family hired a nurse to care for him. He was mostly bedridden. One day when he was 13, his nurse left him alone briefly in order to refill one of his medicines. While she was away, BL smelled smoke. He remember his parents saying that if they ever had to leave suddenly, that there was a chest in the attack that must be saved. Without considering his illness or weakness, BL went up stairs, grabbed the heavy chest, and started carrying it downstairs. He blacked out and when he regained consciousness, he was outside next to the chest. He had somehow carried the heavy chest the whole way. The fire did minimal damage, but BL’s life was forever changed. He decided that if he could unconsciously summon strength to do what seemed an incredible feat, then perhaps he could summon such power consciously, at will. He determined right then to not be “bedridden” anymore, and, indeed, Landone lived in good health for most of his days (living to the age of 98!). Landone studied theology and medicine, and in his medical practice he discovered that positive suggestions often did as much good for his patients as medical treatment. In addition to his career as a healer, Brown Landone also wrote self-help books.

October 11: Barbara L. King (1930 – 2020) – The first bishop of the International Christian New Thought Movement of Churches. Mentored and ordained by Johnnie Colemon, she studied theology at the Unity School of Christianity and at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. She held degrees in Sociology (Texas Southern University), Social Work (Atlanta University), and Ministry (D.Min, Ecumenical Theological Seminary). She founded Hillside Chapel and Truth Center in Atlanta and was enthroned as a village chief in West Africa. She was a mentor to Iyanla Vanzant.

October 12: Matthew Shepherd (1976-1998)—Victim of hate crime. A 21 year old student at the University of

Wyoming, Matthew was abducted, tied to a fence, and beaten into a coma by two young men. His murder gave a face to the tragedy of gay bashing. He is remembered not for any particular achievements in his brief life, but as a symbol of the violence that is bred by homophobia and the rhetoric of hate.

October 15: St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)—Mystic. Raised in a wealthy Spanish family, Teresa became a Carmelite nun. In an age in which women’s voices went unheard, she became a towering figure —author of four books, religious reformer, founder of 17 convents. As a woman who based her authority on mystical visions, she fell under the suspicion of the Inquisition. Her best known work, *The Interior Castle*, describes the soul as a castle, and the journey of prayer that leads from meditation to mystical union with Christ.

October 16: Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (d. 1556)—Creator of the Book of Common Prayer. During a time of political and religious turmoil, as Archbishop of Canterbury Cranmer was instrumental in the English Reformation and the institution of the Church of England. Under Queen Mary, a devout Catholic, he was declared a heretic and burned at the stake. His legacy is carried in the Book of Common Prayer, the beauty of its liturgical language and its influence on Christian and prayer and worship even to our own time.

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot from 3 October

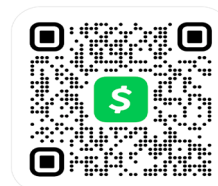
Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
Generosity Income Received	\$16,470.80
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$5,673.24
Per Capita Giving	\$39.30

Worship Services	171
Online Virtual Resourcing	
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	656

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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



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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
OPEN, 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
Rev. Kurt Krieger, Seasonal Members Chaplain
Rev. Marian Cavagnaro, Hospice Chaplain
Rev. Ren Bell, Hospice Chaplain
Rev. Lynda Pantoja, Interfaith Spirituality
Rev. Margarita Rodriguez, Minister of Spiritual Companionship
Rev. Nancy Davis, DD, A Course in Miracles
Deacon Ed Huckemeyer, DD, Diaconal Minister of Pastoral Care
Deacon Jean Johnson, Community Chaplain
Deacon Lydia Chapman, Women's Ministries
Deacon Michael Karban, Diaconal Minister of the Chancel
Deacon Sue Gallagher, EdD, Teaching Associate
Peggy Brereton, Usher Team Leader
Trevor Stewart, Bookkeeper

Consultant

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Sunshine Cathedral Online Schedule

Sunday

Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
Sunshine Cathedral YouTube Live
10:30AM/ET - Sunday Worship

Monday - Saturday:

Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
Noon/ET - Midday Prayers

Monday

Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
6PM/ET - 6:30PM/ET - Christians & Cocktails

Monthly Collection Programs

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3rd Sunday - Clothing Collection
(For BG Hospital & Housing Insecure Individuals)

Due to limited storage space, please bring items on designated Sundays only.

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

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