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Today's Theme

There is Greatness in Us

Sunday, October 24th 2021

Happy 50th Church Anniversary Celebration

October 1971 - 2021



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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 & friends.
Carman Roccia & Paul Phillips - Family & friends.
Christopher Kron - Life's many blessings.
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 & 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.
Marion Garnsey - Twila, Sunshine Cathedral & my Support Group.
Mark Lubold - Rodney and my church family.
Mark Messinger & Scott Schwab - Our many blessings.
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 & friends.
Rev Dr Anne Atwell - The Food Sharing Ministry Team.
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins - Family & Sunshine Cathedral.
Rev Kevin Tisdol & Michael Mitchell - Our blended family.
Rev Dr Robert Griffin - Family & Sunshine Cathedral.
Richard (Rick) Brown - My Sunshine Cathedral Family.
Robert McCormick - Sunshine Cathedral.
Rodney Bolton - My church family and Markie.
Rudy Molinet & Jeff Shearer - Our wedding & life together with joy.
Stephen Konigsberg & Dario Da Silva - Health & family.
Steve McGehee - Being blessed.
Tom Korzon
Tyler & Luis Gonzalez
Warren DeFrank - Family, friends & health.*

Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements

Rev Anne Atwell

Please rise as you are able.

Introit

Shine on Me

Shine on me, shine on me, let the light from the lighthouse shine on me.

Shine on me, shine on me, let the light from the lighthouse shine on me.

Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation

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

The Call to Worship

This is the day our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Service of Praise

Processional Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we your global village, might envision wiser dreams

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

Wisdom of W. Waldemar W. Argo

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Differing words describe the outward appearance of things; diverse symbols represent that which stands beyond and within.

Yet every person's hunger is the same, and heart communicates with heart.

Ever the vision leads on...with a holy land washed by ocean waters, or a holy land within the heart...

An eternal verity aides beneath diversities: we are children of one great love, united in our one eternal family."

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

Thanks be to God.

Wisdom of a Scottish Proverb

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Do not judge by appearances; a rich heart may be under a poor coat.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from First Samuel (1 Samuel 16.1-13)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Finally God said to Samuel, "You have mourned long enough for Saul, for I have rejected him as king... Now take a vial of olive oil and go to Bethlehem and find a man named Jesse, for I have selected one of his sons to rule."

But Samuel asked, "How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

"Take a heifer with you," God answered, "and say that you have come to make a sacred sacrifice. Then call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint."

So Samuel did as he was told. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the city came trembling to meet him.

"What is wrong?" they asked. "Why have you come?"

Samuel replied, "All is well. I have come to sacrifice to our God. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice."

And he performed the purification rite on Jesse and his sons, and invited them too.

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the chosen one!"

But God said to Samuel, "Don't judge someone by their looks, for this is not the one. I don't make decisions the way you do! People judge by outward appearance, but I look at a person's heart and intentions."

Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But God said, "This is not the one either."

Next Jesse summoned Shammah, but God said, "No, not this one."

In the same way all seven of his sons presented themselves to Samuel and were rejected.

"God has not chosen any of them," Samuel told Jesse. "Are these all there are?"

"Well, there is the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep."

"Send for him at once," Samuel said, "for we will not sit down to eat until he arrives."

So Jesse sent for him. He was a fine looking boy, ruddy-faced, and with pleasant eyes. And God said, "This is the one; anoint him."

So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the olive oil he had brought and poured it upon David's head; and the Spirit of God came upon him and gave him great power from that day onward.

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

Sung Response

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

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Brave
By Jack Antonoff and Sara Bareilles
Performed By Sara Burns

Homily

There is Greatness in Us
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Anointing

Anointing, fall on me. Anointing, fall on me. Let the power of the holy Ghost fall on me; Anointing fall on me.

Anointing, fall on me. Anointing, fall on me. Let the power of the holy Ghost fall on me; Anointing fall on me.

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

"Give alms in proportion to what you own. If you have great wealth give alms out of your abundance. If you have but little, distribute even some of that. But do not hesitate to give alms." Tobit 4.8

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

The Greatest Love of All
By Linda Creed and Michael Masser
Performed By Edwin Neimann

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.



Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

We Remember

Brian Thomas	10/24/1990	Bruce Rosenzweig	10/25/2010
Henry Martin	10/24/1995	Gregory Kurdian	10/27/2010
Richard Martin	10/24/1995	Richard Turner	10/28/1990
Barry Harris	10/25/1991	Marty Bauerle	10/28/1994
David Van Brunt	10/25/1991	Gary Angiolilli	10/29/1988
David Koch	10/25/1993	Gaye Little	10/29/2005

Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory and Honor
of all
Sunshine Cathedral Members and Friends
Affected or Infected by COVID-19

by
The Sunshine Cathedral Staff

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 Marian Cavagnaro - 9am
Rev Margarita Rodriguez - 10:30am

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 Marian Cavagnaro

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 Kevin Tisdol

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

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

"I send the Love and the Blessing and the Healing of God to all war torn regions of this world -
for those who are hungry, may they be fed -
for those who are sick, may they be healed -
for those who suffer, Dear God, comfort them.
To those who are unjustly treated, help Dear God; and use me as your vessel that I might help You help them...
May Your Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven,
For me and for all humankind. Amen."

Marianne Williamson

We pray for the following ~

Adriane's family; Anne; Gram; Jeanne; Chicki; Sam; Katie; Matt; Mary; Dayse; Rick; Steve M; L.L.E.; M. & M.; Chris N; Jan B; Daniel F; Jenn C; Macia; Barbara L; Debbie's mom; Anon; K. Robinson; SG; Adriane & son; 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.; Lenni; AGW; MLF; DonnaChristine; Sandy & family; Peter; Cindy B.; Rick; John B.; BR Strong; Nancy & her children; David; Parker; Matthew; Mark; Kelley B.; Lois B. (of blessed memory); Shirley S. (of blessed memory); Ric; Dianne E.; Victor; Milton B.; Minerva; Laurie; Ben; Scott; MS; CL; Gen; Sal; Bob; Kelli M; Michael M; Lewis Family; John L; Steve M; Paul H.; 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 FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR HEARTS:

Knowing that there is a Power that is omnipresent, that is All Good, and that seeks to joyfully express in and through our lives, we confidently affirm blessings for all who have been committed to the care of our prayers. May each and all be happy and well. 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 News

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

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 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.

MASKS FOR SAFETY

- We continue to ask people to wear masks for worship at Sunshine Cathedral.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- We have launched a three year capital campaign to improve various areas of our physical property. Please consider making a pledge to that campaign. For more information, contact any member of the Sunshine Cathedral Board of Governors or reach out to Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.org)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sunshine Cathedral's 50th anniversary is being celebrated throughout October. 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.

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.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October 24: Archangel Raphael - St. Raphael is one of the seven Archangels who stand before the throne of God, and one of the only three mentioned by name in the Bible. He appears, by name, only in the Book of Tobit. Raphael's name means "God heals." Traditionally, some have believed it is Raphael who stirred the healing waters of Bethesda. Raphael is patron of physical ailments and medical professionals.

Prophet Nathan – chastised King David for his impropriety with Bathsheba and arranging to have her husband killed. In the prophetic tradition, he spoke truth to power.

October 25: Father Thomas Keating (1923 - 2018) - One of the pioneers & leaders of the centering prayer movement. A graduate of both Yale and Fordham, he worked to recover and promote Contemplative traditions within Christianity (including Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer).

October 27: Christian D. Larson (1866 - 1955) - Studied at Meadville Theological School (a Unitarian seminary) and was influenced by "Mental Science" teachings. Larson was one of the spiritual teachers who influenced Ernest Holmes and later Larson worked with Holmes as the associate editor and frequent contributor for Science of Mind magazine. In 1912 Larson developed the Optimist Creed, which in 1922, was adopted by Optimist International, aka the Optimist Clubs. Larson taught, "We have...marvelous powers—even miracle powers—in the depth of mind and soul; and they are there to be used. We can use them, however, only as we deepen our thought, raise our consciousness, and go farther into the spirit..."

October 30: Albert Grier (1864 – 1941) – a Universalist minister for 20 years before becoming Founder of the Church of Truth in 1912. He also was the pastor of a Divine Science congregation. He wrote in Truth and Life, "To the inward eye of faith no condition is hopeless." Grier viewed Jesus as a teacher who demonstrated that the Christ Consciousness was within each of us, and by following Jesus' teachings we could become aware of that indwelling Christ Consciousness and demonstrate it as Jesus did.



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 17 October

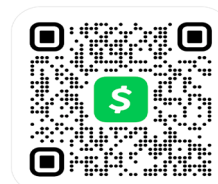
Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
Generosity Income Received	\$13751.31
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$2,953.75
Per Capita Giving	\$32.55

Worship Services	228
Online Virtual Resourcing	150,582
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	554

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SunshineCathedral.org

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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.



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SW 27th Street



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Mrs. Sara Burns, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Vocalist
Ms. Barbara Ramcharitar, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Organist

Artists-in-Residence

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Teresa Flores, Percussionist
Gary Lane, Assistant Organist
OPEN, Pianist
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Trevor Stewart, Bookkeeper

Consultant

Rev. Elder Don Eastman, Systems & Leadership

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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

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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.

Note:

Sunshine Cathedral is not liable for any vehicle incident, including acts of nature, while attending any events.

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

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