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Sunday, October 31st 2021

Happy 50th Church Anniversary Celebration

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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.
Andre Caetano & Mike Manning - Our wonderful church.
Austin Lee - The memory of Dianna Jensen.
Bary Clifton - My husband & Sunshine Cathedral.
Bob Laytart - Sunshine Cathedral.
Brad Sterl - The light and love of my life, Tedd Davis.
Brian Flanagan & Cory Hagopian - Health, happiness & friends.
Carman Roccia & Paul Phillips - Family & friends.
Christopher Kron - Life's many blessings.
Craig Hinman & Jacques Bourguignon - Our life together at Sunshine Cathedral.
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.
Gary Grieve & Patrick McGeachen - Sunshine Cathedral & cats.
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.
Judy Boles & Rozen Patterson - Our families, Patterson & Boles, & our Sunshine Cathedral family.
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 & Rev Dr Robert Griffin - Family & Sunshine Cathedral.
Rev Kevin Tisdol & Michael Mitchell - Our blended family.
Rev Lynda Pantoja - Love, Love and Love!!!
Rev Margarita Rodriguez - Sunshine Cathedral Ministry, my family & friends.
Rev Marian Cavagnaro - Family, friends & Sunshine Cathedral.
Rev Renwick Bell - My ministry in hospice.
Richard (Rick) Brown - My Sunshine Cathedral Family.
Richard Higgins & Terrell Graham
Rick Ullery - Family & friends.
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 & Mary Fedoration
Tom Korzon
Tyler & Luis Gonzalez
Warren DeFrank - Family, friends & health.

Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements

Rev Dr 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 *When the Saints Go Marching In*
(Traditional) - Verses 2,3 & 4 written by Durrell Watkins

*O when the saints, go marching in, O when the saints go
marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go
marching in.*

*And when injustice is no more, O when injustice is no
more,
O Lord I want to be in that number when injustice is no
more.*

*And when we all, are free to love, O when we all are free
to love,
O Lord I want to be in that number when we all are free
to love.*

*And when we know, God loves us all O when we know
God loves us all,
O Lord I want to be in that number when we know God
loves us all.*

*And on that hal-elujah day, O on that hal-elujah day,
O Lord I want to be in that number on that hal-elujah day.*

*O when the saints (O when the saints), go marching in
(go marching in),
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go
marching in.*

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of Ernest Holmes

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

"We believe in the individualization of the Spirit in us,
and that all people are individualizations of the One Spirit.

We believe in the eternality, the immortality and the
continuity of the individual soul, forever and ever
expanding.

We believe that heaven is within us, and that we
experience it to the degree that we become conscious of
it...

We believe in the unity of all life, and that the highest
God and the innermost God is one God. We believe that
God is personal to all who feel this indwelling presence...

We believe in the eternal Goodness, the eternal Loving-
kindness and the eternal Givingness of Life to All.

We believe...that the life of all is God."

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

Thanks be to God.

The Wisdom of Baha'i Scripture

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

"Thou art My dominion and My dominion perisheth not...

Thou art My light and My light shall never be
extinguished...

Thou art My glory and My glory fadeth not; thou art My
robe and My robe shall never be outworn."

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah (25.6-8)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all
peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.

And God will...swallow up death forever.

Then the eternal GOD will wipe away the tears from
all faces...

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

Thanks be to God.

Wisdom from the Book of Revelation (21.3-5)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

"See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's peoples, and God will truly be with them;

God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

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

For Good

By Stephen Schwartz

Performed By Sara Burns and Tara Sperry

Homily

Trick or Treat

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the world their steadfast faith confessed, your names, O God, will be forever blessed. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

"I like to think of [tithing] as giving back to Life." Louise Hay

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

Toccata in D Minor by Bach

Performed By 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.



Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Kevin Tisdol

We Remember

Josephine Sanzone	10/31/1998	Carole Bond	11/03/2011
Jack Trudell	10/31/2014	Tom Brennan	11/04/1991
Andy Copeland	11/01/2005	Mark Freeman	11/04/2014
Jon Quillen	11/02/1994	Toni Herbert	11/04/2017
Chuck Christenson	11/03/1995	Pat Seddon	11/04/2019
Felicia Stivali	11/03/1999	Chuck Bailey	11/05/1990
Richard Schibek	11/03/2003	Greg Kinard	11/05/1991

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 Lynda Pantoja - 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 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

Noisy Offering

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

"...God endowed [humankind] with the power to pray so that through it [we] may find relief from all [our] difficulties and ailments." -Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein

We pray for the following ~

Dayse; KR; 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.; Mary & her grandson & his partner; Kathy (of blessed memory) & her family; Linda H.; Donna; Gloria P; Liz R; Jamaica LGBTQ community; Cuca; Nancy; Don M. (of blessed memory); Dale B; Mari C; Dani F; Luis G; Rosemary; Lee; Mary; Julia; Mary; Leigh; Lexy; Erin; Mimi; Gary; Andy; Jimmy; 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 clergy person.

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



SunBurst News

MESSAGE TO SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL October 2021

Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins, Sunshine Cathedral
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins, staff, members and friends of
Sunshine Cathedral,

Greetings and blessings to you during this month of
October 2021 in celebration of Sunshine Cathedral's 50th
Anniversary.

Sunshine Cathedral's many communities, spirit of
service, support, learning and openness is a gift to Fort
Lauderdale and the world. It is my pleasure to share in
this celebration through a few words of congratulations
and inspiration.

The seeds of care and compassion, filled with human
longing and divine inspiration, nurtured into blossom
decades ago. It is from that first bloom hope for this
community of faith came forth. The cycles of life and living
continue, just as the water has brought us life eternal, so
the earth reminds us of our own bodies, strong, yet fragile
at times, and in need of care. The moving of the Spirit,
blowing across provides refreshing, also carries the voices
of those who came before us. The voices of the many who
stood among us, in communion, and as a mighty force for
justice. In this time, remember their names, the essence
of them, and precious gifts of their lives. In this season of
celebration, may you be held by God's love, tender and
nurturing, guiding each of you into the infinite possibilities
unfolding into this new season.

My prayers of divine light and new life are with you all.
Congratulations on 50 years of light for so many.

Rev. Rachelle Brown
Former Interim Moderator of Metropolitan Community
Churches

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.

UPDATE FOR MASKS IN WORSHIP – We encourage
everyone to be fully vaccinated (including booster shots)
and to continue to practice good hygiene and self-care
(hand washing, maintaining safe distance, etc). We also
ask the unvaccinated and those struggling with health
conditions to continue to mask for safety. Those who are
vaccinated may mask or not according to personal comfort
levels. We will continue to watch trends and will go back
to masking for everyone if doing so seems prudent, but
beginning in November, masks for the fully vaccinated
will be optional.

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

**SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL IS FIRST MEMBER'S FINAL
RESTING PLACE** – Bob Horton, Sunshine Cathedral's
founding member who was a faithful congregant of Sunshine
Cathedral until his passing, is having his remains entered
into the Sunshine Cathedral Columbarium and Memorial
Chapel today following the second service. A few words
will be offered during a brief ceremony. All are invited to
join us at the Columbarium in the Courtyard to honor Bob
as we make his remains a permanent part of the church
home he loved and helped to create.

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.

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
worshiping 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.

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

November 1: Feast of All Saints—The tradition of remembering all the saints together dates to the early history of the Church, which affirmed “the communion of saints” as the mystical Body of Christ, transcending both time and space. This collective feast reminds us that each of us has our own special gifts, and we are each called to do something holy for God.

November 2: All Souls Day— In some traditions there has been a distinction between remembering the official canonized saints on All Saints Day and commemorating those whose names are not on any calendar, but are cherished as models of faith, or are dearly loved family and friends. They, as well, are part of that great “cloud of witnesses” who encourage us in our spiritual journey.

November 3: St. Malachy (1094 – 1148) - Archbishop of Armagh. St. Malachy was the first native born Irish saint to be canonized. Malachy died in the arms of his soul-mate, St. Bernard of Clairvaux. Their monastic community called them a “two-fold treasure.” When they were reunited after being apart from work or travel, Bernard would “shower Malachy with kisses.” They died 5 years apart, but are buried together, wearing each other’s habits.

St. Martin de Porres (1570 – 1639) - The patron saint of mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, and public health workers. He was the son of a Spanish nobleman, Don Juan de Porres, and Ana Velázquez, a freed slave from Panama. He was a monk known for his charitable work. St. Rose of Lima was his friend. Legend attributes levitation (and other amazing feats) to him. In Santeria, he is known as Papa Candeló.

November 4: Agnes Sanford (1897 – 1982) - the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries and the wife of an Episcopal priest. She became a world renown healer, and taught that the bible was more than information...it contained the energy of faith which could work miracles. She believed that healing was possible if we would “pray down” our doubts and expect something good to happen. Sanford acknowledged that effective prayer principles were universal, not limited to any one religion and she firmly believed that “experience comes before theology.” Visualizing success, affirming our Good, giving thanks for our Good, imagining healing energy flowing through us, and quoting affirmative bible verses were among the prayer techniques she offered. She believed the return of Christ had happened at Pentecost, and that Christ continues to return every time we extend love, kindness, or forgiveness in our world. Though her background was Protestant and her theology was very compatible with the New Thought movement, she also had charismatic experiences.

Reminder

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection
Next Sunday

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 24 October

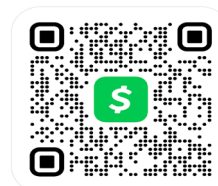
Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
Generosity Income Received	\$10,837.58
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$40.02
Per Capita Giving	\$46.19

Worship Services	153
Online Virtual Resourcing	105,514
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	

Detailed information located at
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.



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
OPEN, Pianist
Cheryl Barth, Assistant Pianist
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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 Lydya 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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