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A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme - Shine, Darlings, Shine

Sunday, December 4th 2022

Second Sunday of Advent - Peace Sunday

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Durrell Watkins Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements Rev Dr Anne Atwell

3rd Quarter Volunteer Award (10:30)

Please rise as you are able.

Introit/Advent Wreath Lighting

Hope is a Light

Peace is a prayer, peace is a prayer; peace is a prayer that starts with me. Peace is a prayer that starts with me.

Light the candle of peace, light the candle of peace.

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

Crucifer Deacon Lydya Chapman

Processional Hymn Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Picardy 8.7.8.7., words by Gerard Moultrie and Durrell Watkins)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with hope and reverence stand, Ponder nothing earthly minded, for our blessing is at hand, Christ our Light within, now shineth, our consciousness to expand.

Lord Jesus was born of Mary and of old on earth he stood, Human and divine as we are, expressing our God, the Good – Jesus gives us all a model of Love lived and understood.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light surrounds us from the realms of endless day, That the powers of fear may vanish as the gloom is cleared away.

At Messiah's feet the seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high! **Opening Prayer (Henri Nouwen, adapted)**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Lord Jesus,

Send your holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who tend to be anxious over many things look forward to rediscovering the Christ within us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kin-dom.

We whose hearts are sometimes heavy seek the joy of your message.

We are your people; we wish for our light to shine as yours so brilliantly did.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" **Amen.**

Sung Response

Adeste Fideles

Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes, venite, venite in Bethlehem, Natum videte regem angelorum.

Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus dominum.

Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, all glory in the highest.

> Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus dominum.

> > Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The wisdom of Sufi Poet Rumi
Rev Dr Anne Atwell

I am dust particles in sunlight.

I am the round sun...

I am wind in the top of a grove, and surf on the cliff... The musical air coming through a flute, a spark off a stone, a flickering in metal.

Both candle, and the moth crazy around it. Rose, and the nightingale lost in the fragrance... You...the one in all, say who I am. Say I am you.

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

The wisdom of Sikh Tradition Rev Kevin Tisdol

Why do you go to the forest in search of the Divine? God lives in all, and abides with you, too. As fragrance dwells in a flower, or reflection in a mirror, so the Divine dwells inside everything; seek, therefore, in your own heart.

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

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from Matthew's Gospel (5.13-16) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus said in a sermon: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God [who is everywhere present]."

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

Song of Response Love is the Answer (England Dan & John Ford Coley)

Light of the world, shine on me
Love is the answer
Shine on us all, set us free
Love is the answer.
Light of the world, shine on me
Love is the answer
Shine on us all, set us free
Love is the answer. (x2)

Please be seated.

The AnthemLight A Candle
By Joel Lindsay and Wayne Haun

Homily Shine, Darlings, Shine
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Altar Call and Anointing (10:30 Only)

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be, with God our creator, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now,
with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild:
New life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring.

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild:
New life, new hope the child will bring.
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Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings) Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"Pure love is a willingness to give without a thought of receiving anything in return." Peace Pilgrim

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and ever giver. Amen.

Offering Music

The Impossible Dream
By Mitch Leigh and Joe Darion
Performed By Aaron Ball

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo, glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo.

Sacrament of Hospitality We Remember

Ed Smith	12/04/1993 Shirean Gipson-Sius	12/08/2005
Bill Locke	12/05/2003 Rob Cancellieri	12/09/1988
Jim Baker	12/06/1992 Eduardo Acosta	12/10/1990
Rob Buck	12/06/1994 Adam Perez	12/10/1993
Betty Shreve	12/07/2005 Chad Crochet	12/10/1993
Jack Diersing	12/08/1991 Rob Ross	12/10/1995
Helen Ziezio	12/08/1996 Dale Brook	12/10/2014

Confession

Rev Renwick Bell

Advent is a penitential season. Therefore, let us say together:

Congregation:

For those I may have wronged, I ask for forgiveness. For those I may have helped, I wish I had done more. For those I neglected to help, I ask for understanding. To those who helped me, I thank you with all my heart. Amen.

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Renwick Bell

We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and location congregation, and with people all over the world we pray,

May peace prevail on earth!

In praise of the Source of life, in hope for a world that is fair and abundant for everyone, trusting grace equal to every need, acknowledging that we all make mistakes and at times need new chances, and seeking harmony and joy in our lives, we continue our prayers using the words of Jesus:

Model Prayer

Creator which art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And leave us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: In the upper room, before being arrested, Jesus sat at table with friends for a Passover meal. After supper, he took a piece of leftover bread and asked that his friends remember him when sharing the ritual meal. Then he took Elijah's cup, and likewise asked that in future, during the feast, he be remembered.

Sung Response

Cup of blessing that we share, does it not our faith declare? Is it not in gratitude, that we take this sacred food?

As one body, we are fed, Love we share, one Cup, one Bread.

Is it not one bread we break? Of God's goodness all partake.

Casting out distrust and fear, let us love with hearts sincere! One by God's design are we: let us live in unity.

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and with your captive children dwell. Give comfort to all exiles here, and to the aching heart bid cheer. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Love to dwell.

O come, you Splendor very bright, as joy that never yields to might. O come, and turn all hearts to peace, that greed and war at last shall cease. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Truth to dwell.

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by our presence here. And dawn in every broken soul as vision that can see the whole. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Light to dwell.

O come, you Wisdom, from on high, from depths that hide within a sigh, to temper knowledge with our care, to render every act a prayer. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Hope to dwell.

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

Lean on Me

Some times in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow.

Lean on me when you're not strong – and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow. But no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.

Lean on me when you're not strong – and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Just call on me dearest when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry, I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me.

Lean on me when you're not strong – and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Thank you Harvest Donors for raising \$8,255.00 Performing Arts Raffle: 7 Sold of 200 Cruise Raffle: 3 Sold of 200

Financial Data Snapshot: 27 November

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$11,819.81 Generosity Income Received \$12,121.42 \$301.61 Our Abundance and/or (Need) \$24.50 Per Capita Giving 277 SC Square Worship Services SC Global Fellowship 190.643 People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) 4,500 Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 673 Detailed information located at

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WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Ron & Teresa; Walter; Minerva; Annie M.; Mary Ann & Kathy; Hoy S.; Rick; Larry; Jeff & family; Bernice (of blessed memory); Allan L.; Hubert; Debbie T.; Ken B.; Frankie and many people on his heart; Mimi; Carolyn & Frank; Mary & Larry; Bill; Linda (of blessed memory); Connie & Benny; Anon (and the many who are on their heart);

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Those terrified, hurt, and who experienced loss from the Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs; Adrianne & Carmelo; Lewis family; Paar N.; Jaya; Dani & Andrew; Laslao & family; Osmay & Brian; Karen; Linda & Monica; Martha; Austin; One with many souls on her heart; Donna MW;

TT; DonnaChristine; Jamie; Michael & Pam; Carolyn; Helen & Johnny; Frieda (of blessed memory); those lost to AIDS; all who are living with HIV; John; Harry; Carol; Mark; Virginia; Rose E. (of blessed memory); Bob & Kevin; Ringoen family; Cathy's family; Ronnie; Dave C.; Trevor; MLF; Anita; Don E.; Steve P.; Troy & Phillip; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; 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 in the light of love, knowing God is love and love casts out fear. When perception is shifted from fear to love, a miracle has occurred. Let miracles abound! Let love's healing power prevail. 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 Cathedral News

ADVENT - Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ (sometimes called "second coming"). At Sunshine Cathedral, we suggest that "we" are the return of Christ, those of us who, in his name, share the good news of God as love and who seek to demonstrate love by working for justice, showing compassion, and by living humbly before the mysteries of life.

DRAG BIBLE STORY HOUR! – Save the dates: Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, and Dec 21 at 7 pm.

Did you know that Drag Story Hour has become s popular program in public libraries, and that Drag Story Hour has come under attack by anti-LGBTQ forces?

Did you know that there is proposed legislation in various states meant to prohibit gender affirming medical, psychological, and social care?

There are efforts in some areas to label as a sexual venue any place that allows drag performance?

And of course we know about "don't say gay" and "don't say trans" bills that have already passed.

In response to homophobic, transphobic, and anti-drag attacks, Sunshine Cathedral is offering Drag Bible Story Hour: a legit bible study that takes place while affirming and celebrating the art of drag. Please join us every Wednesday in Advent for Drag Bible Story Hour at 7 pm.

Nov. 30 – Drag Queens in the Bible Dec. 7 – Our Non-Binary Bible Dec. 14 – Jesus' Queer Ancestry Dec. 21 – Jesus' Queer Family

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION - The Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry is going to provide holiday food bags to our clients and we need your help. Please consider donating non-perishable food items that can be included in the holiday bags. The collection will begin on Sunday, November 27 and will run through the Advent season. Please see any Loaves and Fishes Team Member for a list of suggested items. And if you have any questions about the Food Sharing Ministry, please contact Rev. Anne at anne@sunshinecathedral.net or 954-462-2004 ext. 208.

HELP NEEDED SOCIAL HALL HOSPITALITY – Coffee and treats are available between 10 am and 10:30 am in the Social Hall. Our Social Hall Hostess, Melody Fiore, is asking for help cleaning up after the social time. Ideally, a person or two from the 9 am service who enjoys the social time can stay after to help clear away everything. It won't take long and will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve Services will be offered on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 pm & 9 pm.

On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25 we will have only one service at 10:30 am.

Remember! Christmas Eve Services as at 7 pm & 9 pm. Christmas Day Service is at 10:30 am.

BECOME A CHRISTMAS ANGEL – Christmas Angels are those who make Sunshine Cathedral's Christmas Eve services grand and glorious. Angels give designated amounts in honor of or in memory of loved ones and those gifts make Christmas Eve celebrations possible.

The angel gift amounts are \$125, \$250, \$500, and \$1000. Sponsors give \$5,000 or more. At whatever level you can, we invite you to become a Christmas Angel. For more information please contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.net) or visit our website (SunshineCathedral.org).

PERFORMING ARTS RAFFLE (win seats to 10 shows) - To see a listing of upcoming shows visit SunshineCatherdral. org or pick up a Season Guide. To purchase raffle chances go to sunshinecathedral.org/give and scroll to Performing Arts Series raffle. The ticket is really a donation to help the church, and as a thank you, every generous donor is given a chance to win a prize, and one lucky donor will actually win.

ANOTHER RAFFLE - CRUISE RAFFLE (win a cruise to countries on 3 continents) - You and a guest could win a chance to sail with Sunshine Cathedral. Please visit HappeningOut.Travel/Sunshine for complete cruise details. Raffle chances can be obtained under the "Give" section of the Cathedral website (sunshinecathedral.org). Remember, the ticket is really a donation to help the church, and as a thank you, every generous donor is given a chance to win a prize, and one lucky donor will actually win.

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP – Those who don't live locally but who wish to be part of the Sunshine Cathedral community can learn about the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship by visiting SunshineCathedral.org

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December 8: Bodhi Day - commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama (Shakyamuni), achieved awakening or enlightenment (bodhi in Sanskrit). Siddhartha had recently forsaken extreme ascetic practices and decided to sit under a tree and meditate until he found the root of suffering, and how to liberate oneself from it.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 4: St. Barbara (d. 306) – Barbara, a pagan, embraced the Christian faith and dedicated herself to serving the Lord as a consecrated virgin. Her father tried to arrange marriages for her but she always refused. Her father had a bathhouse built for her. It became a place of healing. St. Simeon Metaphrastes compared it to the stream of Jordan.

In time, Barbara ran away from her father but he found her (with the help of a shepherd who, as a result of his helping to capture Barbara, found his flocks, according to legend, turned to locusts) and locked her away. Still she would not marry nor renounce her newfound faith. Prayer gave her the strength to endure her trials.

Finally, Barbara was condemned to death by beheading by her father. Her martyrdom took place on December 4th. Soon after, her father was struck by lightning.

December 5: John A.T. Robinson (1919 – 1983) was a bible scholar, Church of England bishop, and the Dean of Trinity College, Cambridge. He was a leader in liberal Christian theology and helped give shape to the field of secular theology. He believed in "universal salvation." His most popular book was "Honest to God" and he was a major influence on Bishop John S. Spong.

December 6: St. Nicholas (270-343) – known for compassion, courage, and generosity. He is the patron of sailors, pawnbrokers, and children. When his parents died, he gave most of his inheritance to the poor. Because of various miracles attributed to his intercession, he is sometimes called Nicholas the Wonderworker. He was a bishop in Asia Minor during the time of the Roman Empire. His great deeds as told in legend include resurrecting three children who had been killed by a nefarious butcher who killed them and intended to cure them as ham, offering himself in exchange for the release of captives, and attending the first Council of Nicea (his name is included in some records but not in others).

Pavel Florensky (1882-1937) - Russian Orthodox priest who wrote a theology of same-sex love in the early 20th century. He was executed as part of a Soviet anti-religious campaign.

December 9: Blessed Juan Diego (16th century)—Witness to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary appeared, it is said, to Juan Diego with dark skin and Indian features, surrounded by symbols of Indian religion and culture. She spoke to him in his native Nahuatl, not Spanish. The message to the church was clear: it must not serve as the agent of colonial oppression, but be rooted in the experience of the people.

December 10: Thomas Merton (1915-1968)—Trappist monk. An American priest whose writings are among the greatest spiritual works of our time, Merton initially turned his back on the world by seeking solitude at the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky. In time he came to understand a deep solidarity with humanity and concern for issues of peace and justice. He also had a strong interest in Eastern spirituality, especially Zen Buddhism, from which he learned that the path to God is found in experience, not analysis.

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