

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*



*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All*

*A Positive Worship Experience*

*Today's Theme - Social Action*

*September 24<sup>th</sup> 2023*

*All Are Welcome!*



## **Service of Gathering**

**Welcome** Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister  
Rev Dr Robert Griffin, Executive Minister

**Announcement** Rev Dr Anne Atwell  
Minister of Connections

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

**Introit** O God Beyond All Praising

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and  
sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;*

*For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at  
blessings without number and mercies without end:*

*We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

### **Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation**

*Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where:*

*\*Our God is love.*

*\*Kindness is our worship.*

*\*Compassion is our prayer.*

*\*The sacred value of all people is our creed; and*

*\*Healing the hurts caused by hatred is our mission.*

### **The Call to Worship**

One: This is the day that has been made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Service of Praise**

Crucifer - Tito McWilliams Ramos

**Processional Hymn** Day of Hope & Day of Glory

*Day of hope and day of glory! After slavery and woe,  
comes the dawn of human freedom and the light shall  
grow and grow, until every man and woman equal liberty  
shall know,  
in freedom marching on!*

*Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory,  
glory, hallelujah! in freedom marching on.*

*Not for self, but larger service, has our cry for freedom  
grown; there is crime, disease, and warfare as we face  
the world alone, in the name of love we're rising now to  
serve and save our own, together marching on!*

*Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory,  
glory, hallelujah! in freedom marching on.*

*We will help to make a pruning hook of ev'ry outgrown  
sword, we will help to knit the nations in continuing ac-  
cord, in humanity made perfect ev'ry freedom is re-  
stored, as peace comes marching on!*

*Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory,  
glory, hallelujah! in freedom marching on.*

**Opening Prayer** (by Paramahansa Yogananda, adapted)  
Minister of the Altar: Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

One: Let us pray in unison:

*All: Holy One, make our souls your temple! Make our  
hearts your altar! Make our love your home! Amen.*

### **Prophetic Witness**

*For Everyone Born*

*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!*

***Please be seated.***

### **Sunshine Cathedral Clarion Call**

Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

### **Sung Response**

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## **Service of Proclamation**

### **The Wisdom of the Hebrew Scriptures**

(Isaiah 56.1; Jeremiah 22.3; Micah 6.8;  
Proverbs 31.9b; Zechariah 7.9)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteous-  
ness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance  
be revealed."

And thus says the Lord: "Do justice and righteousness,  
and deliver from the hand of the oppressor those who  
have been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the  
resident alien, the orphan, and the widow, nor shed in-  
nocent blood..."

God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does  
God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to live humbly with your God?

...defend the rights of the poor and needy.

For thus says the Lord of hosts, "...show kindness and  
mercy to one another."

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

*Thanks be to God.*

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

## The Core Principles of Progressive Christianity (ProgressiveChristianity.org)

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean that we are Christians who –

1. Believe that following the way and teachings of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life – even as we recognize that the spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.
2. Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perception, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, class, or ability.
3. Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe.
4. Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the earth and its integrity and sustainability.
5. Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

**Please be seated.**

### The Anthem

*Hear My Song*

Music & Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown

Performed by: Jessica Borbone

### Homily

*Social Action (Progressive Values 3 & 4)*

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

### Altar Call and Anointing

**Please rise as you are able.**

### Prayer Chorus

*I Know I Can (Singing the Journey)*

*Though days be dark with storms – and burdens weigh my heart – though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.*

*When sorrow heals my soul and burdens make me strong, though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.*

*My sister in my heart, my brother in my song, though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.*

*And though the journey is long, the destination is near, though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.*

*So brothers take my hand and sisters sing my song, when hope awaits at every turn, I know we will go on.*

### Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

### Sign of Peace

*Lean on Me*

*Sometimes 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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

### Service of Sacraments

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

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

#### Stewardship Prayer

Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: Because we value our community and believe in our inspired mission, because we want every person to live with hope and joy, and because we know that even a little can mean a lot, we participate in the Sacrament of Sharing, the joyful giving of resources meant to help more and more people discover that they are God's miracle and not God's mistake.

*All: We give what we can and do so with love. Every dime and every dollar given with the intention to bless others will make a difference in someone's life. This brings us joy, and in this way, we worship. God bless our gifts to faithful service, for the sake of your love. Amen.*

### Offering Music

*Sonata No 8 in G Major*

By Ludwig van Beethoven  
Performed by David Suarez

**Rise as you are able.**

### Doxology

*God 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 in to generous day. Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span, God, fulfill be young our dreaming, all our stewardship began.*

## Sacrament of Hospitality

### We Remember

Andy Sokatch	09/24/1987	Susan Piott	09/26/2004
Karl Vogler	09/25/1990	Terry Hutchins	09/27/1988
Gregg Parsons	09/26/1992	Jerry Desmarais	09/28/2019
David Miller	09/26/1994	Adalberto Pineda	09/29/1989
Tom Dolson	09/26/1995		

### Eucharistic Intentions

Minister of the Altar: Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

One: We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral's local and global congregations.

*May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.  
May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.  
May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.*

### Intercessions

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: Heaven is where God is, and God is everywhere, so we are always in God's presence, always in Heaven.

In this moment, we ask for Heavenly riches to meet our every need.

We affirm blessings for the Sunshine Cathedral, for all who are on our prayer list, for all who worship with us today, and for all who are on our hearts.

We now allow spiritual Truth to out-picture in the world of experience.

Miracles abound; and with people all over the world we pray,

*All: May peace prevail on earth.*

One: And so it is that we now continue our prayers as Jesus modeled...

### 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: On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a Passover meal with his closest companions.

He compared sharing bread to being a body where many parts work together within and as a whole.

He compared a memorial cup to the life-blood of a ministry dedicated to justice-love.

And he asked that when such a meal was shared again, that he be remembered (+), so that his life and love would be present in their blessed memories.

*All: We remember. We share. We give thanks. We summon hope. We are one. Amen.*

### Invitation to Communion

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.  
*All: Thanks be to God.*

### Communion is Shared

The ushers will direct you row by row to come forward for Communion. If you would like a communion kit to serve yourself communion in your seat, tell your usher. "Taste and see that God is good."

### Communion Song

*Be Still*

*Be still and know that I'm with you  
Be still and know that I am here  
Be still and know that I'm with you  
Be still, be still, and know*

*When darkness comes upon you  
And colors you with fear and shame  
Be still and know that I'm with you*

*And I will say your name  
If terror falls upon your bed  
And sleep no longer comes  
Remember all the words I said  
Be still, be still, and know*

*And when you go through the valley  
And the shadow comes down from the hill  
If morning never comes to be  
Be still, be still, be still*

*If you forget the way to go  
And lose where you came from  
If no one is standing beside you*

*Be still and know I am  
Be still and know that I'm with you  
Be still and know I am*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister of the Altar: Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

### 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*

### Commissioning

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

**Postlude** Barbara Ramcharitar

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!*

### Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

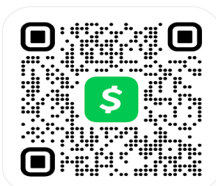
#### Financial Data Snapshot: 17 September

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$12,043.96
Generosity Income Received	\$12,965.15
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$921.19
Per Capita Giving	\$18.08
SC Square Worship Services	302
SC Global Fellowship	179,131
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	5,900
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	774

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

Any questions email:  
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### SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

#### WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Mama Tullo; Christina; Orion and family; Melissa & Carol; Linda & Kim; Lenae; SD & KW; "mom & dad"; DonnaChristine; Lynne; Elaine; Christina; Gordon; WL; Susan S.; Logan and family; Craig H.; Diana N.; MLF; Anita; Rob L.; WPR; Colleen; EH; Roxanne; David; Noah; Bruce; Maureen; Jim; Rosemary;

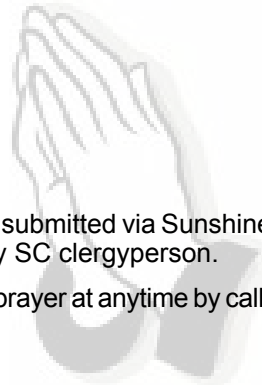
Raymont A.; Bary; MDR; John S.; Lewis family; Beverly; Alice M.; RG; Renaldo; Aaron; Virginia; Bill; Angel & family; Mark; Bill & NTP; CJ; Steven; Wendy & Victor; Belinda's friend; MM; Marsha; Madeline; Carlton; Kewona BC; the people of Hawaii; Liz E.; Cameron; Aprelle; Lynne; Angel; John K.; Ron & Teresa; Pat; Maureen; J.; Onjuli; Joe Anna; Patty;

Erin; MM; Lewis family; Kevin & Kellie; people of Morocco; Doreen M. (of blessed memory); John S.; Dave; Hermine; Mitzi; Katy; Laura; Joe; Michael; Peter; Albert; Carol J.; Brian; Ellen; Susan; Courtney; John S.; Brad S.; Miguel; LG; Tim; all who work for peace and justice; those who are incarcerated; The people of Ukraine; Drag performers; Trans and non-binary youth; Troy & Phillip; Don E.;

those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; INTA; the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship

#### LET US PRAY...

We wrap these dear ones in the power of love, knowing that love is divine.  
Love heals. Love comforts. Love encourages.  
Love gives life. Love offers hope. Love fuels joy.  
Love lights the path to fulfillment. Yes, we enfold these dear ones in love and we expect miracles to be the result. Amen.



#### REMEMBER

Prayers can be submitted via [SunshineCathedral.org](http://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*

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



### **Sunshine Cathedral: Blended Worship, Blended Spiritualities** by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins (Senior Minister)

What people quickly notice about Sunshine Cathedral is our blended worship. We aren't tied to a single worship book, hymnal, or liturgical tradition.

There are always readings from the bible, but often, readings also come from other religious sources (A Course in Miracles, the Tao te Ching, Gnostic Gospels, the Bhagavad Gita, Sufi poets, etc.) as well as from secular sources (quotes from philosophers or social scientists or contemporary poetry, etc.).

Sermons usually involve exegesis and exposition of biblical texts, but often also include stories from world myths, from the Talmud, or even from contemporary super-hero narratives.

In a typical service you may hear gospel, classical, jazz, Broadway, and pop music as well as the occasional Country & Western song or grand old Protestant hymn from Charles Wesley, Martin Luther, or Fanny Crosby.

We wear liturgical vestments, but from a variety of traditions, and we are Eucharistic, but the meaning of the Eucharist is unique to each communicant and the focus of the Eucharist is love and spiritual unity.

Prayers (sometimes with a bit of adaptation) will be recognized from Buddhism, monotheistic Hinduism, Judaism, Anglican prayer books, Roman Catholic practices, and New Thought metaphysics.

And the theology presented can be boiled down to God is the power and presence of love, and that presence is omnipresent, everywhere, fully present. Every single message you hear at Sunshine Cathedral will feature that simple but powerful and life-changing idea: God is omnipresent Love.

Just as our worship is a blend of many ideas, experiences, and traditions, so also is our theology the product of blending.

We are historically affiliated with Metropolitan Community Churches, a movement started by a gay, defrocked Pentecostal minister (Troy Perry) with a primary outreach to LGBTQ+ people and an enthusiastic affirmation of LGBTQ+ people as children of God designed to be exactly who they are.

We are also affiliated with the International Council of Community Churches, the Divine Science Federation, and the International New Thought Alliance.

For decades, we have embraced the principles of Progressive Christianity, the principles of New Thought, and the openness of spiritual humanism.

Progressive Christianity simply says questions are more important than the answers we come up with, that everyone is loved by God, that other religions also have wisdom and holiness, that science is important and not at odds with spirituality, and that scripture can be understood in a variety of ways and the best ways are those that promote justice, tolerance, goodwill, and peace.

New Thought began as an American healing movement in the 19th century. Their guiding principles were the omnipresence and goodness of God, the power of thoughts, feelings, and attitudes to help shape our experiences in life, and the use of affirmations and visualization to make prayer more effective.

Four Sunshine Cathedral clergy (including the senior minister) are ordained in Divine Science (founded by Malinda Cramer in 1888), one of the oldest of the New Thought ministries, and in the past another Divine Science minister and at least 3 Unity ministers (Unity is also a New Thought/positive Christianity movement) have also been on staff.

Finally, spiritual humanism is also part of the air we breathe at Sunshine Cathedral. Spiritual humanism affirms the innate goodness and the potential of human-beings, allows for spiritual community, spiritual experiences, and a variety of opinions about the existence and nature of divinity.

Examples of spiritual humanists include Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Roman philosopher Marcus Aurelius, or the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, Mordecai Kaplan. Spiritual humanists, while not being limited by dogma or creeds, value the individual spiritual experience and the insights that come from it and also value evidence based science.

Blended worship and blended spiritualities – no wonder so many people with different backgrounds and different experiences find a home at Sunshine Cathedral. We are a blend of many ideas and practices making something new and exciting and inclusive. This experiment in blending results in a unique and joyous community celebrating and sharing this message: You are God's miracle and not God's mistake.

*Rev Dr Durrell Watkins\*, Senior Minister*

**SUPPORT THE ANNUAL LIVE BROADCASTING DRIVE** - Our professionally produced, quality live streaming broadcast serves our snowbirds, vacationers, and those who can't get out as much because of health limitations. It also serves people in areas that don't have LGBTQ affirming worship communities, and it offers our unique progressive and affirming spirituality to people who have never heard such a message before. We are passionate about this ministry because it offers hope, healing, and connection to people in need both locally and globally. Thank you for helping this ministry thrive.

**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](http://SunshineCathedral.org)

**QUEER GOD SQUAD** – is a topical panel show produced by Happening Out and featuring Sunshine Cathedral ministers. Watch it daily on the social media and streaming venues where you watch other Sunshine Cathedral programming. When you see it, post it on your social media and tag others. We want to get our message out far and wide. You can do the same with our Sunday services... post and tag. We are trying to reach the world with truly good news.

**ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR** - Join the Sunshine Cathedral Foundation as they present a Seminar on Estate Planning & Legacy Giving. Saturday, September 30th beginning at 10AM. Registration | RSVP is available at [SunshineCathedral.org/Seminar](http://SunshineCathedral.org/Seminar)

**FIRST IMPRESSION READY** - We have a lot going on at Sunshine Cathedral Square and we sometimes have trouble keeping up with all the demands and needs. So, we need your help to remain First Impression Ready. What do we mean by that? Simply, if you see something that needs our attention, please tell us first. How do you do that? Just send an email to Pastor Robert. Just inform him what you've noticed and he'll address the issue. Thank you.

**ANNUAL FALL HARVEST CAMPAIGN** – This is the season we put aside money for our Fall Harvest Campaign. Our goal is for every member and friend of Sunshine Cathedral to give \$99 above and beyond their normal gifts on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. By putting aside as little as a dollar a day, we can easily reach that goal. The Harvest Campaign is an easy way to help our ministries thrive. Please join us in committing to giving an extra \$99 in the Fall, and we can start preparing for that right now.

**JOIN THE BLUE VEST TEAM** - Sunshine Cathedral Performing Arts Volunteers -- volunteers will be getting Blue Vests.

We are in need of volunteers to help with Onsite Ticket Sales, Ticket Scanners, Concession Helpers, Greeters, Reset Team, Parking Attendants, VIP Area Host, Tech

Assistance (Lights, Sounds, Video). A wonderful perk to volunteering, you get to see a great show! This could be an important new area of ministry for those looking to get involved or looking for a new ministry to participate in. To volunteer please contact Pastor Robert - [Robert@SunshineCathedral.org](mailto:Robert@SunshineCathedral.org)

**JOIN THE RED VEST TEAM** - Sunday morning Worship Volunteers are needed - If you would like to give a little extra time on Sunday by volunteering as a Greeter or User, and yes, get a Red Vest, please contact Peggy Brebreton at [peggybrebreton@gmail.com](mailto:peggybrebreton@gmail.com) or Michael Karban at [mkarban1@aol.com](mailto:mkarban1@aol.com)

**JOIN THE GREEN TEAM** - The Garden Team is asking all who can to join them on Saturday, 21 October for a major Grounds Cleanup of Sunshine Cathedral Square - no experience necessary, OJT provided. Clean up starts at 8 AM. Focus clean up areas will be the Prayer Garden, Fence Line, and the Sanctuary. We need a group of 25 to make this happen and help to keep our Square First Impression Ready. Please contact Ron or Bob at [rcouture2@hotmail.com](mailto:rcouture2@hotmail.com) or Pastor Robert.

**WEDNESDAY WINE TASTING** - join Chef Penny on Wednesday, 4 October at 6PM in the social hall for her scary pairings for Halloween and beyond. Wine and foods to frighten and intrigue your palate.

#### **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

*September 24: Uell Stanley (U.S.) Andersen (1917 – 1986)* – self-help and inspirational writer. Andersen believed that the physical world is derived from the mental. He believed that a sustained mental image, backed by faith, would become real in the realm of experience. His writings include *Three Magic Words* and *The Magic in Your Mind*. Anderson taught: "Everything which you can conceive and accept is yours! Entertain no doubt. Refuse to accept worry or hurry or fear. That which knows and does everything is inside you and harkens to the slightest whisper." He was influenced by the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, Emmanuel Swedenborg, and Edgar Cayce.

*St. Anna Alexander (circa 1865 – September 24, 1947)* - was the first and only African-American consecrated a Deaconess in the Episcopal Church. She served in the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia during her entire career, and may be remembered in the Calendar of saints on September 24. Non-clerical deaconesses were known from the time of the early Church through the 13th century and experienced a revival in the 18th and early 20th centuries and should not be confused with ordained deacons (whether women or men).

*September 25: Virginia Ramey Mollenkott* – self-described as Queer and Bi-Gender, Mollenkott was a literary scholar who also became well known as a Queer, Feminist, and Trans\* theologies scholar. Her books include, "Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?" and "Omnigender." She also was a translator for the NIV version of the bible and served on the Inclusive Language Lectionary Committee



for the National Council of Churches. She died in 2020 at the age of 88.

*September 27: St. Vincent de Paul (1580-1660)*—Apostle to the poor. Vincent began his life as a priest simply as a means of escaping his family's grinding poverty. At mid-life he experienced a great transformation as he understood the seriousness of his vocation and dedicated his life to serving the poor. He founded hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the mentally ill.

*Aimee Semple McPherson (1890 – 1944)* – a Canadian born evangelist and radio personality in the 1920s and 1930s who was also the founder of the Foursquare Church, a Pentecostal denomination. She was a pioneer in the use of entertainment media to create a form of religious instruction and worship that appealed to a broad audience.

*September 28: St. Wenceslaus (907-935)* - Wenceslaus I was duke of Bohemia (and subject of a famous Christmas carol). The carol is based on a legend about Wenceslaus and his page Podiven. According to the story, on a miserably cold night they went out to give alms to the poor on the Feast of St. Stephen, Dec. 26. Podiven was walking barefooted and his feet were freezing, so Wenceslas told him to step in his foot prints. His footprints in the snow stayed miraculously warm, giving comfort to Podivan. According queer religious historian Kittridge Cherry, "The earliest accounts of Wenceslaus' life mention his page -- but not the woman who supposedly gave birth to his son in more recent versions. An account written in the late 10th or early 11th century describes the young man who was a..."chamber valet" to Wenceslaus. The duke was assassinated in a coup by his brother.

*September 29: St. Michael and All Angels*—While angels (from the Greek word angelos, or messengers) are mentioned often in the bible, only a few are named. The Archangel Michael is described as the captain of the heavenly host who helps humanity in fighting the powers of destruction and injustice. Michael has been recognized as a protector, intercessor, healer, and guardian.

*September 30: Rumi (1207 – 1273)* – Sufi poet from Afghanistan inspired by the love of a mentor and friend (their relationship may have been romantic as well). When his "friend", Shams, left for Damascus without telling him, Rumi was heartbroken and poured his feelings into his poetry. They were later reunited, but eventually, Shams disappeared again. This time it was believed he may have been murdered. Rumi continued to pour himself into his writing, using homoerotic imagery and romantic phrasing as he pondered things divine. He also practiced meditative dancing which inspired the Whirling Dervish movement. After grieving the loss of Shams, Rumi would love other men.



## **BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL PERFORMING ARTS SERIES**

As we prepare to launch our 15th Season of the Performing Arts Series, October 2023 - April 2024, with over 25 performances, we invite you to consider becoming a member of the Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts Guild. You can find a list of currently scheduled shows, and more are being added, at [SunshineCathedral.org](http://SunshineCathedral.org) and select Performing Arts.

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**Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts  
2023 - 2024 Performances**

**Community Concert Benefiting Broward House**

Sunday, 1 October - 6PM  
Members of the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida  
Members of the South Florida Pride Bands

**Muse Duo: Collin Holloway & Luke Benedict**

Saturday, 14 October - 8PM

**Judy Gold, Comedian**

Saturday, 21 October - 8PM

**Phil Hinton & Jazz Band**

Friday, 27 October - 8PM

**Lesbian Thespians presents *Cloudburst***

Sunday, 12 November - 4PM

**The 701 Club with Sister Helen Holy  
Elenor Roseafelt as Musical Director (18+)**

Saturday, 18 November - 8PM

**Anthony Nunziata, Vocalist**

Saturday, 9 December - 8PM

**Varla Jean Merman's Stand by Your Drag (18+)**

Saturday, 3 January - 8PM

**Duo Formosa**

**Catherine Lan, Concert Pianist &  
Huifang Chen, Violinist**

Saturday, 6 January - 8PM

**Tributes**

**Joe Posa as Joan Rivers & Seith Sikes (18+)**

Saturday, 13 January - 8PM

**Emmanuel Vass, UK Pianist**

**Hosted by Genvas – Venetian Arts Society**

Thursday, 18 January - 7PM

**Tom Goss – Musical Concert**

Friday, 19 January - 8PM

**Ross Mathews, Comedian**

Saturday, 20 January - 8PM

**Alex Roitman Tango Ensemble**

Sunday, 21 January - 6PM

**Christopher Hamblin - *Here in the South***

Friday, 26 January - 8PM

**Alexander Zenoz and the *Birds of Paradise***

**Hosted by ArtsUnited**

Saturday, 27 January - 8PM

**Latrice Royale (18+)**

Saturday, 10 February - 8PM

**Mark Hayes, Musical Concert**

Sunday, 11 February - 6PM

**Matt Alber, Musical Concert**

Friday, 16 February - 8PM

**Miss Richfield, 1981 in Bad Advice (18+)**

Saturday, 17 February - 8PM

**R&B Meets Pop, then Opera - Hosted by ArtsUnited**

Friday, 23 February - 8PM

**Anne Steele – Musical Concert**

Saturday, 24 February

**Hued Song**

Sunday, 25 February at 6PM

**Caroline Rhea, Comedian**

Saturday, 2 March - 8PM

**An Evening with Levi Kreis - Hosted by ArtsUnited**

Saturday, 16 March - 8PM

**Amy Armstrong – Musical Concert**

Saturday, 23 March - 8PM

**Hued Song**

TBA

**Renegade Music & Concerts presents *...And Scene!***

Friday, 19 April - 8PM

**David Maiocco - Liberace Tribute Show**

Saturday, 27 April - 8PM

**Anastasiya Naplekova & Lindsay Garritson**

**Concert for Ukraine Relief Efforts**

Sunday, 5 May - 7PM

**Master Chorale of South Florida**

*Considering Matthew Shepard*

Friday, May 31 & June 1

**Dana Goldberg**

TBA





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