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*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All
A Positive Worship Experience*

*Theme for Today
A Ceasefire for the Soul*

Second Sunday in Advent

December 10th 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 and 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:

**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 - Deacon Sue Gallagher

Processional Hymn *In Christ There is No East or West*
(Tune: McKee CM)

*In Christ there is no East or West,
in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.*

*In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
For men and women live in God,
and all are kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West,
in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community
throughout the whole wide earth.*

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
Psychologist & Meditation Teacher Noah Levine**
Rev Dr Anne Atwell

The experience of forgiveness is a momentary release.
In reality, we don't and can't forgive forever, only for that
present moment...The good part is that you can stop
judging yourself for your inability to completely and
absolutely let go of resentments once and for all. We forgive
in one moment and get resentful again in the next.

It is not a failure to forgive, it is just a failure to understand
impermanence. The bad news is that forgiveness is not
something that we will ever be done with; it is...an ongoing
aspect of our lives and it necessitates a vigilant practice of
moment-to-moment letting go.

I practice forgiveness on a daily basis...It has become a
simple and natural way of responding to my Heart (or mind)
when feelings of hurt, fear, injustice, or betrayal arise...If
I let go and respond with compassion and forgiveness, I
will be free. If I continue to grasp and wallow in my painful
righteousness, I will continue to suffer. And of course, at
times, I do still choose the path of suffering—but less and
less often. Knowing that freedom is readily available has
drastically changed my life...

Forgiveness [in my tradition] is done through the practice
of repeating phrases of forgiveness toward oneself,
toward those who have harmed us, and toward those whom

we have harmed.

Eventually, I [learned] to forgive the younger version of me— for allowing his confusion to hurt me and so many others. From that place of understanding and mercy, I was then able to grant myself as an adult that same forgiveness.

Asking for forgiveness... When we humbly accept that at times in our life we have been the aggressor or abandoner or unkind one, and we see that every time it was because of our own suffering and confusion, it becomes easier to see that those who hurt us were similarly confused. It makes accessing compassion for our enemies a little easier.

While some resentments seem to vanish forever, others certainly come and go. The most important thing to remember is that we must live in the present, and if, in the present moment, we are still holding onto old wounds and betrayals, it is in this moment that forgiveness is called for. The experience of forgiveness may be temporary. Deeper levels of hurt may be revealed. If and when that happens, we have the tools to forgive again and again.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Chorus *Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates*
(Tune: TRURO LM)

*Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple
set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

+The Gospel According to Mark

(8.27-29, NAB revised edition)

Rev Kevin Tisdol 9AM/Rev Margarita Rodriguez 10:30AM

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus the Anointed:

As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before you, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, whose paths you must make clear.'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of (whole-life transformation).

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

Thanks be to God.

Sung Response *Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates*
(Tune: TRURO LM)

*Redeemer, come; I open wide my heart to Thee; here,
Lord, abide.*

*Let me thine inner presence feel, thy grace and love in
me reveal.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem *Let There Be Peace*
By: Chris Destafano, Carrie Underwood & Brett James
Performed by: Gabe Salazar

Homily Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
A Ceasefire for the Soul

Altar Call and Anointing
Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Nada te turbe

*Nada te turbe, nada te-espante.
Quien a Dios tienne nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te-espante.
Solo Dios basta.*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing an frighten.
God alone fills us.*

*Nada te turbe, nada te-espante.
Quien a Dios tienne nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te-espante.
Solo Dios basta.*

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.*

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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.*

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Robert Griffin

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

Contemplation
By J. Brahms Arr. J. Heifetz
Performed By Laura Gonzalez

Rise as you are able.

Doxology *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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

Sacrament of Hospitality

We Remember

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|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Eduardo Acosta | 12/10/1990 | Tad Lincoln | 12/11/2004 |
| Adam Perez | 12/10/1993 | Norman Edwards | 12/12/1991 |
| Chad Crochet | 12/10/1993 | Bill Magrum | 12/13/2009 |
| Rob Ross | 12/10/1995 | Jason Darrow | 12/13/2009 |
| Dale Brook | 12/10/2014 | Louis Boccella | 12/15/1994 |
| Tim Gallups | 12/11/1992 | Kim Gleason | 12/15/2009 |
| Joddie Brown | 12/11/1995 | Tom Saunders | 12/16/2008 |
| Joseph Fontana | 12/11/2002 | | |

Minister of the Altar

Rev Dr Robert Griffin - 9AM

Rev Margarita Rodriguez 10:30AM

Confession

One:

Together, let us seek to become better versions of ourselves.

All:

*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.*

Words of Assurance

One: We are part and parcel of God and nothing can separate us from the Love that God is. Let us be healed by this awareness and may we let our light shine brightly from this moment on.

All: Amen.

Intercessions

One: For the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local congregation, for all who are on our prayer list, for our loved ones, for world and community leaders, and for our own needs, let us pray:

Prayer of Divine Mercy

*Loving Creator, we remember the wisdom and love,
Peace and integrity of your blessed anointed one –
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Who taught of your love for us and also the whole world
For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon
us and on the whole world.*

*For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon
us and on the whole world.*

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us and on the whole world.*

*Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One Give
blessings to us and to the whole world.*

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blessings to us and to the whole world.*

One: And with people all over the world we pray –
All: *May peace prevail on earth.*

These prayers we offer in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, and as he did, 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

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Celebrant: We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for our local and global Sunshine Cathedral community.

In an upper room in Jerusalem, 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

*One bread, one body, one Lord within; one cup of blessing
which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Invitation to Communion

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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

Tomorrow Christ is Coming
(CoC Sing)

*Tomorrow Christ is coming as yesterday he came;
a child is born this moment – we do not know its name.
The world is full of darkness, again there is no room;
the symbols of existence are stable, cross, and tomb.*

*Tomorrow will be Christmas, the feast of love divine,
but for the nameless millions the star will never shine.
Still is the census taken with people on the move;
new infants born in stables are crying out for love.*

*There will be no tomorrows for many-a baby born.
Good Friday falls on Christmas when life is sown as corn.
But Jesus Christ is risen and comes again in bread
to still our deepest hunger and raise us from the dead.*

*Our God becomes incarnate in every human birth.
Created in God's image, we must make peace on earth.
God will fulfill Love's purpose and this shall be the sign:
we shall find Christ among us as woman, child, or man.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

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

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar



SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Penny P.; Robert (of blessed memory); Phyllis; Lenae;
SD & KW; Dany; Ron; Tere; Carmen's aunt; Xavi;
Mabel's dad; Edna; Quico; M.S.; PB; DonnaChristine;
MLF; Anita; Christie N.; Norma & Jean;

Jan & family; Blanche; Colleen; Jamie; Susan; Nana;
Aaron; Mark;

Jonna; Tinsley; Claire; Silas; TL; Sharon; Tom C.;
Phyllis; Margie; MM; Israelis & Palestinians; all
who work for peace and justice; those who are
incarcerated; The people of Ukraine; Drag performers;
Trans and non-binary youth; Queer people in Uganda;
Frank; Jan; Steve; Ken (of blessed memory);

Virginia William; Brian; Mark; Morgan G.; Lewis
family; MS; Mikayla; Logan & family; GLB; Wilfredo;
Byron Y.; WL; Beth L.; Jeff R.;

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...

*God – the word we use for what cannot be named or
fully known – we experience you as hope, as love, as
joy, as wisdom, as strength, as peace, as abundant
life. Today, we quietly entrust to divine grace all who
are depending on our prayers. We pray to remember
that we are all one, and one with our common Source;
in that oneness, blessings abound. With gratitude, let
us know that All is 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 Cathedral News

Christmas Angel

Goal: \$25,000.00 - Raised: \$1,875.00

From the Pastor's Desk



Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

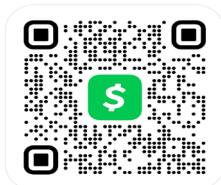
Financial Data Snapshot: 3 Dec 2023

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| Weekly Generosity Income Needed | \$12,043.96 |
| Generosity Income Received | \$11,840.72 |
| Our Abundance and/or (Need) | (\$203.24) |
| Per Capita Giving | \$17.07 |
| SC Square Worship Services | 314 |
| SC Global Fellowship | 200,781 |
| People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) | 6,000 |
| Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached | 862 |

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Food Sharing Ministry Expansion Matching Gift

Matching Gift - \$25,000.00 | Raised - \$14,487.50

Thank You!

Mark Nogal; Lydya Chapman & Linda Edin; Peter Cinelli, MD; Bob McCormick & Bary Clifton; Stephen Lewis; Bill & Darlene McMillan; Teresa Clingaman; Austin Lee & Allen Dewes

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Waiting on Jesus, Part 2

by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

(Senior Minister, Sunshine Cathedral)

Advent is when our stories and rituals lead us to reflect on waiting. What do we hope will eventually turn up?

We usually don't imagine the promised and anointed one showing up the way that the lowly Lord from Nazareth actually did (and does). We were led to believe that an emissary from a faraway paradise came "down" in human guise only later to return to the celestial realm where he would greet us like a blue vested Wal-Mart host when we arrive in our time. We were further told that one day "soon" (after 2 millennia already) he would make a return visit to our world and really shake things up.

But that's not how the hero of our tale came to us. Our story tells us that his conception was a scandal, that his birth was during an experience of housing insecurity, that his unmarried, teen mom had to flee with him as a refugee to a neighboring country, and he grew up as part of a peasant class in an occupied territory. That's not a cosmic visitor or heavenly prince, that is poverty and danger and oppression and hardship...and that's how the one we call Christ came to us.

Scholarly consensus is that the story is more literary than literal, but the point of the story is clear and true: the love that changes and uplifts and brings hope and joy to human lives breaks through where life is difficult, where life seems unfair, where people have been driven to despair. Where there is pain, suffering, injustice, cruelty, and uncertainty is where the Christ Light shines. That's where angels sing. That's where peasant shepherds and foreign dignitaries can meet on the common ground of shared humanity.

God is seen in the pregnant teen, in the refugee, in the peasant, in the night, in the places where people were told there is no place, no room, for them.

We aren't waiting for a prince or princess to show up; we are waiting to remember the truth of the Nativity...that is, the love that we call God not only includes the weak and weary, but may indeed have a preferential option for the weak and weary. We are waiting to see God in every person, in every space, no matter how common, how mundane, how unpolished.

When we see holiness in the refugee, the targeted, the marginalized, the demonized, the dehumanized, the demoralized, the heart-broken, the one left out or kept out, the one preached and legislated against...when we see the sacred value of all people, we will be seeing the coming of Christ (or the return of Christ if you prefer). We aren't waiting for royalty; we're waiting to realize that one need not be royalty to be God-filled, Grace-anointed, and Heaven-blessed.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION - Please consider donating non-perishable food items to our Food Sharing ministry during Advent. 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.

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).

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
On Sunday morning, December 24th, we will hold our regular Sunday morning worship for the 4th Sunday of Advent, but we will offer the 10:30 am service only.

THEN, on Christmas Eve (Sunday evening, Dec. 24th) we will have two evening services: 7 pm and 9 pm. Finally, on Christmas Morning (December 25th) our Monday morning service will be online only.

ADVENT – Advent, observed in most Christian denominations, is the first Season of the Christian Year and begins 4 Sundays before Christmas. Advent is the season of waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ. For many, the wait is simply a time of preparation for the joyous celebrations of Christmas. For others, it is a time of waiting to see a return of Christ.

At Sunshine Cathedral we don't necessarily expect a literal return of Christ but rather find the Parousia (Greek word for "coming") to be symbolic of followers of Jesus learning to allow the light that was in Jesus to also shine here and now in our lives. Indeed, we often say that WE are the return of Christ, the Body of Christ continuing the work of Justice-Love in the world.

Advent is sometimes called "Little Lent" because it is a time of preparation and waiting. During the 4 weeks of Advent, we are asked to worship weekly, pray daily, and engage in acts of generosity. During Advent, we focus on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Advent begins the Christian year and is followed by Christmastide, Epiphany, Ordinary Time, Lent, Eastertide, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time. The liturgical cycles help us live our sacred stories and apply their lessons in our daily lives.

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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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

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.

December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – commemoration of St. Mary's visitation to Juan Diego

Vivaldo & Bartolo – holy men of the 13th century. Blessed Vivaldo and Blessed Bartolo cared for lepers in Italy. When Bartolo contracted leprosy, Vivaldo chose to move into the leper colony with him, even though he, himself, didn't seem to have the disease. They lived together for 2 decades until Bartolo's death. Vivaldo became a hermit after that. Their loving companionship speaks to Queer people today, and their courage in the face of an indiscriminate disease also speaks to those who have faced HIV/AIDS, Ebola, or Covid 19.

Sister Alicia Domon (d.1977)—French nun and martyr. During a period of military dictatorship in Argentina thousands of civilians were abducted and never heard from again, including several French nuns who had devoted themselves to working with the poor and oppressed. Sister Alicia became closely involved with the Mothers of the Disappeared, who dressed in black and gathered in silence in the central plaza each day, carrying pictures of their children. Along with several others, Alicia was abducted and, as later reports revealed, tossed out of an airplane over the Atlantic Ocean.

December 13: F. Bernadette Turner (1903 – 1995) – Turner wanted to be an Episcopal priest when she was young, but was not allowed because of her gender. She still wanted to serve and help people, so she earned multiple degrees in Education, Sociology, Social Work, and finally a PhD in Psychology. She discovered Divine Science and trained to become a Divine Science minister. She pastored Divine Science churches in Chicago and Roanoke. In retirement, she continued to minister as a chaplain to the retirement home where she lived. Then, at the age of 86, she was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church and the following year (1990) at the age 87, she was ordained an Episcopal priest (her lifelong dream finally fulfilled). She continued serving as chaplain to her community where she encouraged seniors to renew their energy by taking rest, exercise, good nutrition, and meditation.

St. Lucy (283 – 304) - a Christian martyr who died during the Diocletianic Persecution. She is venerated as a saint by the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Orthodox Churches. She is one of eight women along with St. Mary who are commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. Her feast day is celebrated in the West on 13 December. St. Lucia of Syracuse was honored in the Middle Ages and remained a well-known saint in early modern England.

December 14: Fannie Brooks James (1854 – 1914) – Nona Brooks' sister. Author of Truth and Health. A former Presbyterian, she struggled with health and financial issues in her younger years. Her lot improved once she was introduced to New Thought metaphysics. She was an early teacher, writer, and leader in the Divine Science movement. Emphasizing the Divine Science focus on Omnipresence, she wrote, "If God is OMNIPRESENCE, there is nothing anywhere but God."

December 15: Joseph Murphy (1898 – 1981) – an Irish Catholic priest, pharmacist, and psychologist who became a Religious Science minister and then a Divine Science minister. In his life he met Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein. He was a friend of Ernest Holmes and also of Emmet Fox. He loved the teachings of Nona Brooks. He pastored a large New Thought church in Los Angeles and wrote the self-help classic, The Power of Your Subconscious Mind. Murphy taught, "Your subconscious never sleeps. It is always on the job. It controls all your vital functions. Forgive yourself and everyone else before you go to sleep, and healing will take place much more rapidly."

Cora Fillmore (1876 – 1955) – was Charles Fillmore's personal secretary and in 1933 became his second wife. She was ordained in 1918. Cora co-authored, with Charles, Teach Us to Pray.

December 16: Joseph Perry Green (1898 – 1981) – founder of the College of Divine Metaphysics (still offering correspondence courses today).

Sylvester James Jr. (1947 – 1988), known mononymously as Sylvester, was an American singer known for disco, R&B, and soul music as well as for an androgynous and flamboyant personality and falsetto singing voice. Called the "Queen of Disco", Sylvester worked with Martha Wash (of Weather Girl fame) and his single "You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real)" topped the Dance Charts (#1). Before his solo career Sylvester was a member of the San Francisco avant-garde performance group, the Cockettes. Sylvester was openly gay and gender fluid. He was an AIDS activist (it was AIDS that eventually took his life). At a young age, Sylvester's Pentecostal church rejected him for his homosexuality, but he identified as a Christian throughout his life.

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Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas & Preparing for a Wonderful 2024

Christmas Holiday Concerts at Sunshine Cathedral

The Girl Choir of South Florida
Sunday, 10 December - 5PM

Seraphic Fire Holiday Concert
Thursday, 14 December - 8PM

Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida
Saturday, 16 December - 8PM

Broward Women's Chorus
Sunday, 17 December - 7PM

Christmas Holiday Worship at Sunshine Cathedral

Sunday, 24 December
4th Sunday of Advent Service - 10:30AM

Sunday, 24 December
Christmas Eve Services - 7PM & 9PM

Monday, 25 December
Christmas Day Service - 10:30AM
Televised Only



Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts 2023 - 2024 Performances

Varla Jean Merman's Stand by Your Drag (18+)
Friday, 5 January - 8PM

Duo Formosa
Catherine Lan, Concert Pianist
Huifang Chen, Violinist
Saturday, 6 January - 8PM

Choir Next Door
Thursday, 11 January - 8PM
(Free Admission for all Students)

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

Lea DeLaria
Saturday, 20 January - 7PM

Alex Roitman Tango Ensemble
Sunday, 21 January - 4PM

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 presents
Sounds of Praise & Protest
Sunday, 25 February at 6PM

Caroline Rhea, Comedian
Saturday, 2 March - 8PM

David Suarez & Dr Jihong Adams-Park
Saturday, 9 March - 5PM

An Evening with Levi Kreis - Hosted by ArtsUnited
Saturday, 16 March - 8PM

Amy Armstrong – Musical Concert
Saturday, 23 March - 8PM

Hued Song - March: TBA

Dana Goldberg
Friday, April 12 - 8PM

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, 31 May and Saturday, 1 June



Sunshine Cathedral 50th Anniversary Capital Make-Over Campaign

It's Time For YOUR Sunshine Cathedral To Have A Little "Work" Done!

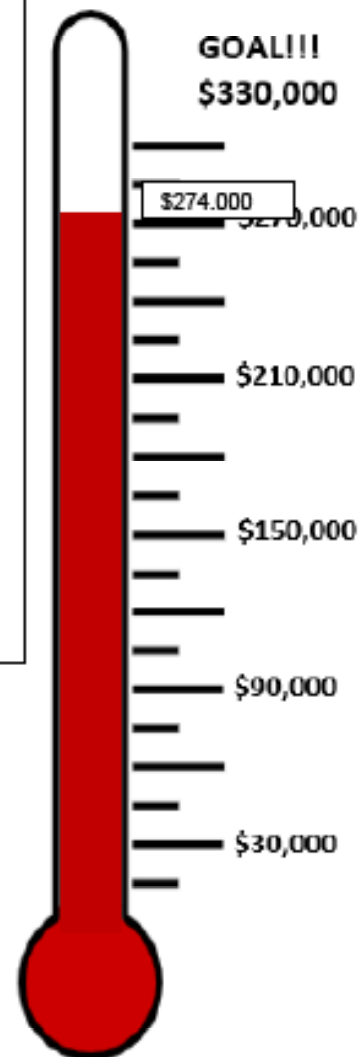
- Global Fellowship Virtual Production Space ✓
- Courtyard Renovation & Mural Project (Topp Artist) ✓
- Center for Worship and the Arts (AC Upgrade & Stained Glass Doors Completion) ✓
- Administration Building (AC Upgrade ✓ ; Window Upgrade)
- Food-Sharing Ministry Container Storage
- Outdoor Gender Neutral Restrooms Renovation
- Parking Lot Renewal
- Chapel Renovation (Future Multi-Purpose Event Space)



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Food Sharing Ministry Expansion Drive

Matching Gift - \$25,000.00 | Raised - \$14,487.50

Thanks to a very generous donor and member of the Sunshine Cathedral, we have are launched a \$25,000.00 Match Drive for the Food Sharing Ministry.

Funds raised will go directly toward expanding food storage capacity for our Food Sharing Ministry and in return allow two significant opportunities:

1. Assist more individuals that experience Food Insecurities.
2. Allow our Food Sharing Ministry an opportunity to purchase food items in bulk at a lower fee.

Our Food Sharing Ministry, in its 7th year, includes three areas:

Loaves and Fishes: is the Sunday morning food collection of non-perishable food items used to replenish our Food Pantries. Loaves and Fishes food collection is held on the first Sunday of every month and special food collections also occur during Lent and Advent.

Brown Bag: provides small bags of food to various locations and organizations around Broward County. The Brown Bag is either a lunch bag or snack bag depending on the needs of the recipient. Approximately 450 – 550 Brown Bags are assembled every Wednesday.

Food Pantry: provides a grocery bag of pantry staples, bread, pastries, fresh produce, meat, milk, and other food (and non-food) items to those living with food insecurity in our local community. The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 10:45am until approximately 12:30pm and assists over 300 individuals each week. No documentation is required in order to receive food.

Project Overview:

\$55,622.35 - Estimated Project Cost (Container purchase, permits, install and electrical)
(\$15,270.00) - Already raised via personal donations and grants
\$40,352.35 = To complete the project (-/+)

So, with the generous donated match, we need your help to move this project to the next step. No donation is too small or large.

For question regarding the Food Sharing Ministry, please contact Rev Dr Anne Atwell
Anne@SunshineCathedral.org

For question regarding donating, please contact Rev Dr Robert Griffin
Robert@SunshineCathedral.org

If using a check – please make payable to the Sunshine Cathedral Foundation – Note Section: Food Container
Or using the link located at SunshineCathedral.org, select Give and scroll down to ‘Support Our Food Sharing Ministry’ and click the image. Thank you so much for your support!



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Two Sunday morning services
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Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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