

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*



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

*Theme for Today  
Lazy Literalism or Literary Liberty: Which Brings Hope?*

*First Sunday in Advent*

*December 3<sup>rd</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 and Advent Wreath Lighting** *Hope is a Light*

*Hope is a light, hope is a light,  
hope is a light to show the way,  
hope is a light to show the way.  
Light the candle of hope, light the candle of hope.*

### **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 Lydya Chapman

**Processional Hymn** *Alleluia, Good is Coming*  
(by Durrell Watkins 2022, Tune: AR HUD Y NOS, NCH)

*Alleluia, Good is coming, Advent declares.  
Hope and peace, and joy, and love, too, heal all our cares.  
Jesus is the Christ, anointed, living Word he was appointed,  
Our wayshower, friend and teacher, he'll always be.*

*Alleluia, Good is coming, says the season.  
God is good and omnipresent, so, we reason,  
That God is the all in all, now; Jesus shows God with us  
all, now.  
We cannot be lost or lonely, if God's with us.*

*Alleluia, Good is coming, this is God's will.  
Angels singing, praises ringing, hearts can't be still.  
Life is good and meant to be good, embrace now all that's  
for our good,  
Elder brother Jesus tells us, God loves us all.*

**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 Word of the Prophet**

(Jeremiah 33:14-18, NAB revised edition)

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

The days are coming when I [God] will fulfill the promise  
I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days, at that time, I will make a just shoot spring  
up for David; he shall do what is right and just in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved and Jerusalem shall  
dwell safely...

For thus says our God: David shall never lack a  
successor on the throne of the house of Israel, nor shall the  
priests of Levi ever be lacking before me, to sacrifice burnt  
offerings, to burn cereal offerings, and to make sacrifices.

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)

Now Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets."

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Messiah."

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** *Someday at Christmas*  
By Ronald N. Miller and Bryan Wells  
Performed By Jessica Borbone

**Homily** Rev Dr Durrell Watkins  
*Lazy Literalism or Literary Liberty: Which Brings Hope?*

**Altar Call and Anointing**  
***Please rise as you are able.***

**Prayer Chorus** *Nada te turbe*

*Nada te turbe, nada te-espante.  
Quien a Dios tiene 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 can frighten.  
God alone fills us.*

*Nada te turbe, nada te-espante.  
Quien a Dios tiene 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.*

*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.*

**Service of Sacraments**

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

**Stewardship Prayer**  
Rev Kevin Tisdol/Twila Wilson

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** *Notre Amour*  
By Gabriel Fauré  
Performed By Bill Adams

***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

C Eddie Hyre	12/03/2005	Betty Shreve	12/07/2005
Ed Smith	12/04/1993	Jack Diersing	12/08/1991
Bill Locke	12/05/2003	Helen Ziezio	12/08/1996
Jim Baker	12/06/1992	Shirean Gipson-Sius	12/08/2005
Rob Buck	12/06/1994	Rob Cancellieri	12/09/1988

### Minister of the Altar

Rev Dr Robert Griffin - 9AM

Deacon Michael Karban - 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.*

*For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon  
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 Dr Anne Atwell

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 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

*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...

Dana; Doug; Doug's mom; the many people for whom Doug provides care; Pat; Danielle; Christina & family; Bobbie O.; Gig; Adriane & son; Crystal M.; Courtney; Alice; Susan; Jimmy; Kevin & Kelli; MLF; Anita; Christie N.; Norma & Jean; Carol;

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; Lewis family;

Jan & family; Blanche; Colleen; Jamie; Susan; Virginia William; Brian; Nick; Nana; Aaron; Mark; Jonna; Tinsley; Claire; Silas; TL; Sharon; Tom C.; Phyllis; Margie; MM; Frank; Jan; Steve; Ken (of blessed memory); Morgan G.

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; 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...

*To the cosmic depths we cry out; to the still small voice within we now attend.*

*In the light that shines in every heart we hold these who have been committed to the care of our prayers; and, with the power of indomitable hope, we bless each one.*

*We are all enfolded in a love that will never let us go; in this love, let us now find comfort, peace, and strength. 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

Harvest Offering: \$11,360.60

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## From the Pastor's Desk



### Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

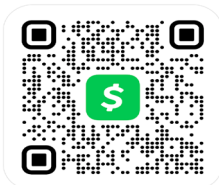
#### Financial Data Snapshot: 26 Nov 2023

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$12,043.96
Generosity Income Received	\$7,732.51
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$4,311.45)
Per Capita Giving	\$15.29
SC Square Worship Services	314
SC Global Fellowship	184,401
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	6,000
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	822

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

Any questions email:  
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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

by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

(Senior Minister, Sunshine Cathedral)

Advent suggests something is coming, and until it arrives, we wait. I believe, however, that waiting need not be as passive as we tend to make it.

For what, exactly, are we waiting? Are we waiting for Christmas, a time to recall the birth of Jesus? Well, that's happened, and we make a much bigger deal of it than Jesus ever did. Jesus' birth is only mentioned twice in the bible and Jesus never mentions it as a big deal. The only thing St. Paul ever said about Jesus' birth is that he was "born of a woman." We might have figured that out!

So, if we are just waiting for the party to celebrate a birth that happened in Palestine some 2,027 years ago, then we are waiting for the past. There's never much power in worshipping the past or longing for its return.

Some will say that the wait isn't for Jesus' birth (or the commemoration of his birth), but for his return. Well, that wait is already a couple of millennia in process. Maybe that just isn't going to happen the way our ancestors imagined. The writer of Mark's gospel thought it would happen in his lifetime, and so did St. Paul. They, apparently, were mistaken.

Waiting for some future event to make everything alright mostly keeps us from doing what we can now to make things better. While we are waiting for a superhero to appear in the skies to save the day, we ought to be addressing climate change, poverty, racism, homophobia and transphobia, war, and women's right to bodily autonomy right here and right now. The mythic return hasn't happened and may not, so we better get to work,

But wait! (I couldn't help myself). The past and the future won't fix our messes, but we can make things better in the present, in the now. And maybe that's what we are waiting for...the realization that we have the power to make a difference, today.

Some believe (I am among them) that the Pentecost narrative in Acts 2 is a story about Christ's return. Jesus ascends into the unknown and the spirit that motivated his work descends upon the church days later, raising them up to be the body of Christ on earth, the Christ presence meant to continue doing what Jesus did: heal, empower, encourage, bring together, and cast a vision of what is possible for people who live in the in the power of love.

We are the return of Christ! We don't need to wait for the return, we need to wake up to the fact that we are it, and then get to work being Christ in the world.

And that brings me back to the word "wait." Waiting doesn't just mean sitting around until something turns up.

When we wait “on” someone, we are serving them. A waiter brings coffee or food or drinks, someone “waiting hand and foot” on a sick loved one is actively caring for them. To wait on Jesus could mean to serve Jesus’ mission and we do that with our worship and also with our acts of kindness, generosity, compassion, and justice.

Something is coming and we are waiting for it. Maybe what is coming is a better world, and it will happen as we get busy waiting on the wounded, disenfranchised, lonely, degraded, forgotten, and oppressed of the world. Rather than waiting FOR Jesus, let’s try to be like Jesus and wait ON those who are hurting, and that is what can transform the world. And for that, we are all still waiting,

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:robert@sunshinecathedral.net)) or visit our website ([SunshineCathedral.org](http://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.

**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)

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#### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

*December 3: Mary Baker Eddy (1821 – 1910):* Author of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures and Founder of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston. Also the leading figure in the Christian Science movement. Mrs. Eddy said, “To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings.”

*Freda Smith (1935 – 2019)* – first woman to be licensed and ordained as clergy in Metropolitan Community Churches, first woman to serve on the Council of Elders in MCC, and the person who led the effort to make denominational bylaws gender inclusive. Her most famous sermon was “Purple Grass” about a lamb that was shunned for preferring purple grass to the more common green grass, but the Shepherd affirmed the lamb and assured it that it was loved just as it was. She was also known for a provocative performance piece, “Dear Dora/ Derek, Dangerous Diesel Dyke.”

*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).*

*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.*

*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.*

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## Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas & Preparing for a Wonderful 2024

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### Christmas Holiday Concerts at Sunshine Cathedral

**NOVA Singers**

Friday, 8 December - 8PM

**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

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### Christmas Holiday Worship at Sunshine Cathedral

**Sunday, 24 December**

4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Holiday Fantasia 2023 with Matthew Darren**  
Sunday, 3 December 5PM Art Show/6PM Performance

**Anthony Nunziata, Vocalist**  
Saturday, 9 December - 8PM

**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

**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

**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  
Saturday, 1 June



# Sunshine Cathedral 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Make-Over Campaign

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

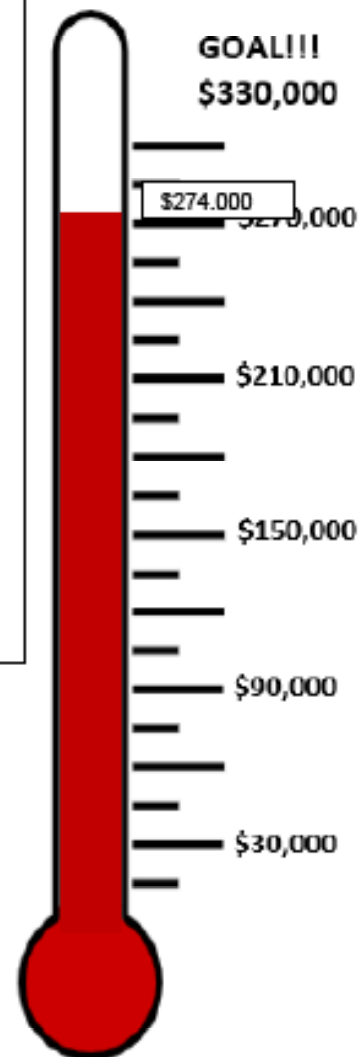
- Global Fellowship Virtual Production Space ✓
- Courtyard Renovation & Mural Project (Topp Artist) ✓
- Center for Worship and the Arts (AC Upgrade & Stained Glass Doors Completion) ✓
- Administration Building (AC Upgrade ✓ ; Window Upgrade)
- Food-Sharing Ministry Container Storage
- Outdoor Gender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



Pledge & Donate Online  
at [tinyurl.com/Capital50](https://tinyurl.com/Capital50)

Or

Complete a pledge card in  
the worship center seat-  
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Checks may be made payable to  
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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](mailto:Anne@SunshineCathedral.org)

For question regarding donating, please contact Rev Dr Robert Griffin  
[Robert@SunshineCathedral.org](mailto: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](http://SunshineCathedral.org), select Give and scroll down to ‘Support Our Food Sharing Ministry’ and click the image. Thank you so much for your support!



## **Sunshine Cathedral Church Affiliates**

*Divine Science Federation  
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International New Thought Alliance  
Metropolitan Community Churches*

## **Sunshine Cathedral Programming**

*Administration Ministry  
Assisted Living Facility Ministry  
Broadcasting Ministry  
Center for the Performing Arts  
Local & National Partnership Ministry  
Food Sharing Ministry  
Global Fellowship Ministry  
Global Justice Institute Partnership  
Music Ministry  
SAGE - Friendly Visitor Program  
Samaritan Institute  
Sunshine Social Services - SunServe  
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Sunshine Cathedral Foundation  
Wellness Ministry  
Worship Ministry*

## **Sunshine Cathedral Partnership**

*American Red Cross | South Florida Region  
BOLD Justice  
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Care Plus  
Care Resource  
The Cupboard - Kosher Pantry  
Feeding South Florida  
Fort Lauderdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
Gateway Terrace Apartments  
Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida  
Happening Out TV Network  
Homeless Outreach - Hollywood  
Latinos Salud  
Medflo (ALF)  
Opera Fusion  
Our Fund  
The Pantry of Broward  
Paradise Manor (ALF)  
Presidential Place (ALF)  
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Publix  
The Residences at Equality Park  
SAGE  
Salvation Army - Fort Lauderdale Chapter  
South Florida Hunger Coalition  
TLC Little Free Pantry  
Unlimited Healthcare  
Williamsburg Landing (ALF)  
Women in Distress*

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## **Sunshine Cathedral**

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

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