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A Positive Worship Experience*

*Theme for Today
The Joy of Liberation*

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17th 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*

*Joy is a light, joy is a light, joy is a light to show the way,
joy is a light to show the way.*

Light the candle of joy, light the candle of joy.

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 *Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly*

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,

fa la la la la, la la la la.

'Tis the season to be jolly,

fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,

fa la la la la la, la la la la.

Troll the unknown Yuletide carol,

fa la la la la, la la la lo.

See the blazing Ule before us,

fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus,

fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,

fa la la la la la, la la la.

While I tell of Yuletide treasure,

fa la la la la, la la la lo.

Fast away the old year passes,

fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,

fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous all together,

fa la la la la la, la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather,

fa la la la la, la la la la.

Opening Prayer (Henri Nouwen, adapted)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

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 Isaiah (61.1-3)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

The spirit of our God is upon me, because God has
anointed me and has sent me to bring good news to the
oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim
the year of the Lord's favor... to comfort all who mourn...
to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of glad-
ness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of
a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting
of the LORD, to display God's glory.

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 Luke (4.14-21)

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

After the Temptation in the wilderness, Jesus returned to Galilee, full of the holy Spirit's power. Soon he became well known throughout all that region for his sermons in the synagogues; everyone praised him.

When he came to the village of Nazareth, his childhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on Saturday, and stood up to recite the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him, and he opened it to the place where it says:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; and has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor; has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who seek God."

He then sat down, while everyone in the synagogue gazed at him intently. Then he added, "These Scriptures came true today!"

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 *Joy*
By Nicol Smith, Todd Smith, and Angela Smith
Performed By Sara Burns

Homily *Rev Dr Durrell Watkins*
The Joy of Liberation

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.*

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Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild:
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Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Robert Griffin

Stewardship Prayer

Linda Edin - 9AM / Twila Wilson - 10:30AM

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 *Greensleeves Variations*
Arranged By L Fluery and Dewey Owens
Performed By David Suarez Sara

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

Eddie Wright	12/17/1987	Chad Blackwell	12/19/1996
Trudy Masterson	12/17/1989	Jay Tramontozzi	12/19/1996
James Daniel	12/17/1991	Richard Drews	12/19/1996
Shelia A. Taylor	12/17/1991	Herbert Hackney	12/19/1998
Chuck O'Hara	12/18/1993	Joseph Novotny	12/22/1994
Paul Grant	12/19/1989	Bruce Edgerly	12/23/1993
William DeBar	12/19/1994	Clara Scinto	12/23/2010

Minister of the Altar

Rev Kevin Tisdol - 9AM - Rev Kurt Krieger - 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

Rev Dr Anne Atwell - 9AM - Rev Kurt Krieger - 10:30AM

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.*

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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 - 9AM - Rev Kurt Krieger - 10:30AM

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...

Jan & family; Blanche; Colleen; Jamie; Susan; Nana;
Aaron; Mark; Anita; Christie; Norma & Jean;
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; Laura; Katy

Morgan G.; Lewis family; MS; Mikayla; Logan &
family; GLB; Wilfredo; Byron Y.; WL; Beth L.; Jeff R.;
Winsome M.; Kevin & Kelli; Vicky; John; any who
struggle during the holidays;

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...

*Each of these is part and parcel of God.
Each lives in a field of unlimited possibilities.
Each deserves rich experiences of
love, hope, wisdom, strength, peace, and joy.
We affirm blessings for one and all. 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: \$13,750.00



Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

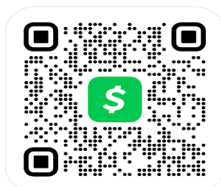
Financial Data Snapshot: 10 Dec 2023

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$12,043.96
Generosity Income Received	\$21,164.07
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$9,117.11
Per Capita Giving	\$14.82
SC Square Worship Services	316
SC Global Fellowship	211,674
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	6,000
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	908

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Any questions email:
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& Darlene McMillan; Teresa Clingaman; Austin Lee
& Allen Dewes

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Waiting on Jesus, Part 3

by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

(Senior Minister, Sunshine Cathedral)

There is an ancient prayer: "Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy, keep us free from error and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

As we wait in joyful hope for the coming of...Jesus... But that isn't as clear a goal as we might assume. In Mark's gospel, Jesus says, "Some here will not taste death until the realm of God comes" Some believe that was fulfilled at/as the Transfiguration.

But then in Matthew's gospel, again we see Jesus saying, "And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in majesty." Presumably everyone present that day has died. But also in Matthew's gospel, Jesus says, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of time." If Jesus didn't leave, then how might he return?!

I see all of these scenes as the poetry of religion, to be played with, danced with, wrestled with, contemplated, questioned, and prayed...but not necessarily to be taken literally.

Jesus is always with us, in our imaginations, in our stories, in our rituals, in our actions and attitudes inspired by his example. And, Jesus returns every time the church, "the body of Christ", chooses to be inclusive, loving, affirming, justice-seeking, and welcoming. Jesus returns when anyone does what he spent his life doing - touching the untouchable, loving the unloved, reaching out to the marginalized, comforting the hurting, lifting up those who had been knocked down.

So, maybe it really is "both/and." Jesus is with us, and Jesus shows up in new ways every time we choose to be more like Jesus.

I think the mystery of the "second coming" (a phrase not in the bible) is worked out for us in Acts 2. Jesus has experienced resurrection (his message and mission lives on) and he has ascended into the heavens (has risen to the realm of sacred lore to inspire us for centuries thereafter), and then, Jesus' spirit (power, energy, light) returns to the grieving, hiding church to give them their second wind and send them out to be Christ in the world. That Pentecost story seems to me (and others before me, I wasn't the first to reach this conclusion) to be the return of Christ, the spirit of Christ empowering the movement he inspired to continue being a healing presence in the world. We are the return of Christ, when we choose to be.

While we wait for the return of Christ, let us consider that we may just be what we are waiting for.

Thank You Christmas Angels

Archangels

Dick Schwarz & Tom Massey

Jim Pamplin and Rudy Wang
In Honor of the Sunshine Pride House

Mark Messinger and Scott Schwab
In Memory of our Mothers and Brothers, Phillip M.
and Wayne S.

Mark Nogal
In Honor of the Sunshine Cathedral Family.

Mr and Mrs Phillip and Sara Burns
In Honor of Clayton Burns

Angels

Peter Oberdorf

Robert Bragg

Cherubim

Brad Sterl and Tedd Davis
In Memory of Liz Sterl and Matilda Davis

Ronald Couture and Bob Easton

Seraphim

Rev Dr Anne Atwell and Amy Walker
In Honor of our Mothers.

Arthur and Patricia Wenzel
In Memory of Elizabeth Arndt.

Darlene and Bill McMillan
In Honor of Sara, Phillip and C.J.

Carl Shearer and Mario Rios
In Honor of our chosen family, Sunshine Cathedral.

Deacon Ed Huckemeyer
In Memory of John Shaffer and Alex Velez Correa.

Joseph Huck
In Memory of Marcia and William Huck.

Marc Dickerman
In Memory of my Parents.

Margie and Edie Baker
In Memory of our Angels, Mommy, Daddy,
Opi and Cathy.

Melody Fiore
In Honor of Sunshine Cathedral and Church Family.

Rick Brown
In Memory of Nan, Aunt Kate, Mom and Dad.

Robert DeCamillo
In Memory of my partner, Ken Sasser.

Robert Woodman
In Memory of Stan Ainsworth.

Steve McGehee
In Memory of Those Whom I Name in Prayer.

William "Bill" Bryan and Juan Martinez
In Memory of our Parents.

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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).

THE LAST POTLUCK of the Year is Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6 pm. Bring whatever you like, holiday themed or not, and let's have a joyful dinner together. All are welcome.

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 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.

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

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 17: Feast of St. Lazarus of Bethany – Lazarus was part of Jesus' chosen family. Some Queer scholars think it is possible their relationship was romantic in nature.

Claude M. Bristol (1891 - 1951) - WW1 veteran and journalist who investigated and practiced what he called "mind stuff" (the power of belief, determination, and visualization). Comedienne Phyllis Diller credited his book *The Magic of Believing* with changing her life and jumpstarting her career. She often gave copies of the book to young performers seeking her advice. Bristol advised, "You have to think big to be big" and "We usually get what we anticipate."

Dom Bede Griffiths (1906-1994)—Monk and Sannyasi. Raised in a middle-class English family and student of C. S. Lewis at Oxford, Griffiths' spiritual journey led him first to the Catholic faith and the life of a Benedictine monk. While sent to establish a monastery in India, he came to believe that the secularized West had much to learn from the East. He helped found a Christian ashram that was faithful to Christian traditions, but adopted the disciplines of the East, including yoga and meditation. He dressed in the saffron robes and lived as a sannyasi, or Hindu holy man. His liturgies combined Christian and Hindu prayers and readings. He believed he could find the truth of Christ present within all the religions of the world.

December 19: Ibrahim Abdurrahman Farajajé (1952 – 2016) - was a Queer theologian, Bisexual, HIV/AIDS activist, interfaith scholar, artist, and spiritual leader. He died at age 63 in Oakland, California. Formerly known as Elias Farajajé-Jones, he was one of the first Black male students at Vassar, where he received a degree in religion in 1972. He went on to earn a Masters of Divinity degree from St. Vladimir's Eastern Orthodox Seminary in New York and a doctorate in theology from the University of Bern, Switzerland.

Farajajé taught for 10 years at Howard University School of Divinity in DC. He was the first faculty advisor to Howard University's LGBTQ group Oxala. In 1995 he joined the faculty at the Starr King School for the Ministry, a Unitarian Universalist/ Multireligious graduate school in Berkeley, CA. He spent 21 years teaching at Starr King, where he was known with fond respect as "Ibrahim Baba."

His scholarly interests included intersectionality, performances of genders and sexualities, ritual, environmental politics, politics of identity, postcolonialism, Islam and Sufism, Jewish and Christian mysticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, global HIV, transphobia, heteronormativity, death penalty abolition, and more. He knew 16 languages. He considered himself to be a "scholartist" — scholar, artist, activist.

December 21: Apostle Thomas (d. 72) – there is a sayings gospel attributed to Thomas (Gospel of Thomas) which may be as old as the canonical Gospel of Mark (c. 70 CE). Thomas was the only apostle not in hiding after Jesus' execution. When others claimed to have experienced a resurrected Jesus, Thomas doubted them and said he would have to experience it for himself. Thomas was also

the only apostle who voiced support for Jesus' journey to visit Lazarus when he was ill. The other apostles were afraid the trip was dangerous, and Thomas said that as his disciples they should share in the danger and go with him. Thomas shows us that honest doubt can be part of profound faith.

December 23: Warren Felt Evans (1817 – 1889) – attended Middlebury and Dartmouth colleges. He became a Methodist minister and then left Methodism to join the Swedenborgian church (Church of the New Jerusalem). After visiting Phineas P. Quimby (the "father" of New Thought) for treatment for an ailment, Evans himself became a "mind cure" practitioner. He was the first to write about the healing methods used and taught by Phineas Quimby. WFE declared, "All outward power that we exercise over the things about us is but a shadow in comparison with the inward power that resides in imagination and will."

Rabbi Abraham Heschel (1907-1972)—Teacher. A major force in Jewish spiritual renewal, Heschel came from a long line of Hasidic rabbis. After studying philosophy at Warsaw and Berlin he taught at several universities, eventually escaping to the United States from Nazi Germany. As a champion of interfaith dialogue, his writings exerted a tremendous influence on Christian thought. With a deep sense of prophetic justice, he sought to connect the mysticism of his Hasidic faith with the modern secular world

Johnnie Coleman (1920 – 2014) – Johnnie Coleman experienced a dramatic healing when she discovered New Thought, but soon after encountered racism when she began studying for the ministry. Nevertheless, she completed her ministerial studies and was ordained. Later, she founded her own church (Christ Universal Temple), an association of churches and ministries (Universal Foundation for Better Living), and a ministry school. The theology of CUT & UFBL is "Fillmorean" (the philosophy of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore). Coleman taught the affirmation, "I am the thinker that thinks the thought that makes the thing."

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&
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&
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2024*

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at
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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



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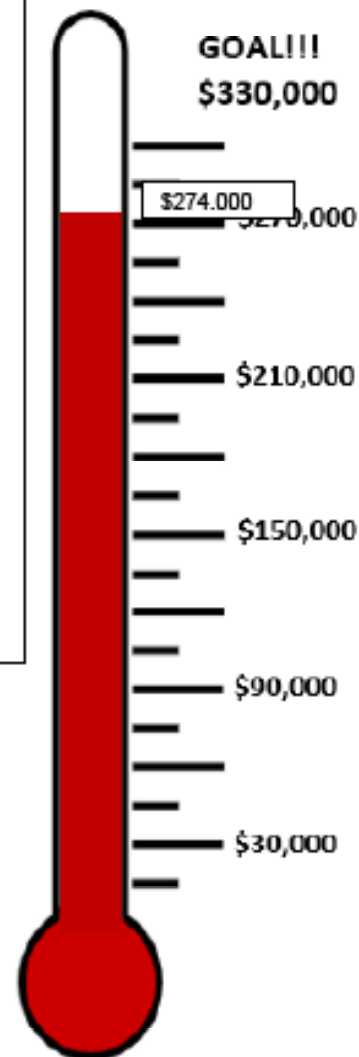
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Food Sharing Ministry Expansion Drive

Matching Gift - \$25,000.00 | \$24,487.50

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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