# Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

1 Tower Avenue in Historic Fort Snelling, Minnesota

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
## Four Chaplains Remembrance

2 February 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

**Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service**

hosted by

**Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation**

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Congregation, *Ministers of the Gospel*

**Ministerial Staff**

Rev. Dr. Kenneth "Ken" L. Beale, Jr., *Senior Chaplain*
Rev. Philip "Buddy" A. Winn, Jr., *Associate Chaplain*
Dr. Desiderius "Desi" Klempay, *Organist*
Tamara Henschel, *Special Music Coordinator*

**Administrative Staff**

Bev Johnson, *Office Manager*
Carol Nygaard, *Accounting Specialist*

*Where the Veteran Is Remembered*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*We are glad that you are here for worship today!*
*The * indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*
*The ** indicates times for the ushers to seat latecomers.*
*The **bold print** indicates readings/choral responses of the congregation.*
*If you have a cell phone, please turn off the ringer. Thank you.*

***Lighting of Altar Candles*** *Symbol of the Spirit's Presence*

***Lighting of the POW/MIA Candle***

***Special Music***

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| "Glory to His Name" | Dahl/Stockton |
| "Come Away From Rush and Worry" | Dawn/Zundel |
| "Bless God" | Rosasco/arr. Ferrin |

***Organ Prelude*** "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" Hyfrydol, arr. D. Hustad

Consider using these sacred moments to meditate upon the scripture reading and prepare yourself to receive a blessing from God. Kindly be considerate of your neighbor's need for silence. We encourage your conversations to be held following worship. Please refrain from applause after the organ prelude.

***Ringing of the Ship Bell***

***Call to Worship*** L = Leader **P = People**

L: We come together from many different places, but we are a part of each other, because we all belong to Christ.
**P: We are like many branches of one vine, and Christ is that vine, uniting us to Himself.**
L: We are united to Christ so that He may work through us to bear fruit in His kingdom.
**P: We pray that many persons will be brought into God's kingdom because of our relationship with Christ.**

* ***Processional Hymn of Praise*** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"
Tune: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 48
"Azmon" words and music by Westendorf and Mason
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1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; as members of His Body joined we are in Him made one.
6. No race nor creed can love exclude if honored by God's name; our brotherhood embraces all whose Father is the same.

* ***Invocation***

* ***Choral Response*** (sung by all)
"Habakkuk 2:20" music by Harrington
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**The Lord is in His holy temple;**
**Let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

** *Organ Interlude*

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession* (in unison)

**We are careless with love, O God, because it is too often a disguise of our self-love. Forgive us when we say we love You, but fail to love all Your children. Forgive us when our love for our neighbors is not a Christian witness of the love we give to You. Direct us by Your Spirit to be obedient to Your commandments, that we may love as You love us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

* *Gloria Patri* (sung by all)

"Greatorex" words and music by *Gloria Patri*, 2nd cent. and Greatorex
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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**
**world without end. Amen. Amen.**

* *Statement of Faith* The Apostles' Creed, *Ecumenical Version*

L: Christian, what do you believe?

**P: I believe in God the Father Almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**
**born of the Virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried;**
**He descended to the dead.**
**On the third day He rose again;**
**He ascended into heaven,**
**is seated at the right hand of the Father,**
**and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy universal church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body**
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** ***Organ Interlude***

***A Tribute to the Four Chaplains***
Recognition of All Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants
Responsive Reading of Litany (refer to insert)
Prayer
* Taps

** ***Organ Interlude***

***Children's Message*** (children gather on the steps of the chancel)

† Children Ages 5-10 are dismissed for Children's Church †

** ***Organ Interlude***

***Special Music*** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Scriven/Sanborn

***Scripture Reading*** St. John 15:1-17 (New King James Version)

[1] "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. [2] Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [3] You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. [4] Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

[5] "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. [7] If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. [8] By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

[9] "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. [10] If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

[11] "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. [12] This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. [14] You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. [15] No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but **I have called you friends**, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. [17] These things I command you, that you love one another.

***Sermon*** **"What A Friend!"** Chaplain Beale

* ***Hymn of Response*** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 106

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield you, you will find a solace there. Amen.

***Greeting and Sharing of Church Life***

We share the community announcements and invite everyone to record their presence by signing and passing the red "Friendship Pad" with those in your pew. Cards are provided in the pew card holders for writing prayer requests and placing on the offering plate.

***Offering of Tithes and Gifts***

Dedication Prayer
Offertory Music "Jesus, My Friend Medley" arr. P. Keveren
* Stewardship Response (sung by all)

"Old Hundredth" words and music by Ken and Bourgeois
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Call to Prayer***

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (text prayer requests to 612-747-1059)
Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,
**People: Hear our prayer.**
Pastoral Prayer of the People
The Lord's Prayer: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*** *Recessional Hymn of Dedication*** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" # 428

"Angel's Story" words and music by Bode and Mann
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1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end; now be forever near me, my Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle of You are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.
4. O Jesus, You have promised to all who follow You that where You are in glory Your servant shall be too; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

*** *Benediction***

*** *Extinguishing of the POW/MIA Candle***

*** *Choral Response*** (sung by all)

"America" words and music by Smith and *'Thesaurus Musicus'*
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**Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;**
**Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;**
**Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King. Amen.**

*** *Extinguishing of Altar Candles*** *Taking the Light Into the World*

***Postlude*** "Fanfare on Old Hundredth" arr. G. Young

† Children are dismissed from the classroom to return to guardians †

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**WORSHIP LEADER:** Mel Henschel

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Diane Westby

**WELCOME KIT DISTRIBUTOR:** Jillian Stocker

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Deanna Strauss and Judy White

**FELLOWSHIP GREETERS:** Pat Kallevig and Roberta Rivard

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** A sincere welcome back to **Dan** and **Karin Wickman**. Dan and Karin Wickman met on a piano bench while students at Bethel College, St. Paul, MN. That was the beginning of a church music and concert ministry that has continued for 55 years. They have served in ministry in the Evangelical Free Church and Evangelical Covenant Church over these years. The Wickmans live near the Twin Cities, in Buffalo, making their home there for the past 48 years. Karin recently retired from 45 years of organ/piano and worship planning responsibilities at Buffalo Covenant Church. They have recorded 5 albums, which include music of the stage and screen from the 30s through the 70s and traditional hymns and gospel songs. "We are so very privileged to share in your worship services. We pray that our music will draw you into worship and provide hope and joy in times of greatest need." Many thanks for sharing your time and talents with us this Lord's Day!

## + + + *ANNOUNCEMENTS* + + +

***Pick-Up Your Copy of the 2024 Annual Report Today!***

**Please Join Us** in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday following the worship service. A cup of coffee, tea, or punch awaits you, along with delicious treats prepared by our Kitchen Angels.

**CE Classes** (Sundays 9:45-10:30 a.m.) **Topic: American Presidents** is held in the Fellowship Hall facilitated by Bob Cizek. Handouts are provided each week.

**Tuesdays** (12-noon-1:00 p.m.) A Bible Study is held in the Conference Room at the Chapel Foundation office. Bring your Bible.

**Next Week** (9 Feb) is the **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany—Founder's Day Sunday**. Chaplain Ken Beale will proclaim a message entitled ***"Christ's Committed Community"*** based on St. Matthew 16:13-18. The special music will be **Dr. Desi Klempay**.

**The 58th Annual Meeting** of the *Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation* will be held on **Sunday 9 February 2025** (1:00 p.m.) in the sanctuary for members only.

**If You Have a Prayer Request** ... our *Prayer Chain* can be activated by calling our coordinator, Suzanne Berg (612-743-1780). Your prayer concerns will be held confidential and shared only among the prayer chain members and pastor.

**FREE Devotional Materials** are available to you in the Fellowship Hall. The *Our Daily Bread* (Dec-Feb) devotional is available. Also LARGE PRINT copies of *Our Daily Bread* (Jan-Mar) are available.

**Ministry Beyond the Walls**: Our weekly worship services can be viewed LIVE from your internet service. Homebound and absent members and friends can simply go to https://vimeo.com/fortsnellingmcf and tune in any Sunday starting at 10:45 a.m. Central Time. Services are also archived there for later viewing.

**2025 Veterans/Patriotic Events:** Throughout the year, the Chapel community pays tribute on the Sundays near a number of national commemorations, including these events: **Four Chaplains** (2 Feb); **Memorial Day** (25 May); **Independence Day** (6 Jul); **9/11 Remembrance** (7 Sep); **US Constitution** (14 Sep); **POW/MIA** (21 Sep); **Gold Star** (28 Sep); **Veterans Day** (9 Nov); **Pearl Harbor Remembrance** (7 Dec). Mark your calendar with these dates.

**This Week in U.S. Military History:**
**2 Feb 1848** — end of Mexican War
**3 Feb 1943** — sinking of the *USS Dorchester* (4 chaplains aboard)
**4 Feb 1899** — began the *Philippine Insurrection*
**5 Feb 1951** — began the *Battle of Hill 440*
**7 Feb 1917** — end of the *Punitive Expedition*

## *A Special Welcome to our Visitors . . .*

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return again ... and bring others with you. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for. We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call the chaplain for an appointment. We are willing to provide additional services as needed. Simply call the Chapel Office (952-888-1525) or Chaplain Ken (612-747-1059). If you would like to talk about the sacrament of baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the chaplain. For bookings of the Chapel, contact the Fort Snelling State Park directly at 612-279-3555. Worship services are not subsidized or endorsed by the MN DNR.

## *Upholding the Chapel with our Membership Vows of ...*

### Prayers

Ron Casteel; Keegan Iversen; Arlene Amyotte; Barb Steffenson; Nancy Tjornhom; free SSgt Calvin Gibbs & Pfc Corey Clagett; JoAnn Harkins; Mel & Leslie Henschel; grandson Tyler; Kermit Bischoff; Patricia Adler; Henry Langer; Don & Barbara Patton; Mick Burkard; David Edstrom; Iain Hodge; cousin Karen; Jim Gullickson; John Kruse; SGM Tom Staffa; Abraham Quiring; Rebecca Heller; "Doc" Feller; Judy Goodman; Jackie Kleinsasser; Kathy Beale; Bill Hoppe; Margaret & Terry Flower; Mary Berg; 8-yr old Fletcher Draper's bone marrow transplant; Harold & Ellen Harkins; Eloise; Dale Moore; Dorothea Johns; Janet Brautigam; Jeanette Buck; Roger Blasl; Pat Ponto; Kathy Henrickson; Len Koehnen; Curt Utpadel; Stephen Anderson; Rory Rogney; Jayne Frank; Ken Swensen; Ed Schmidt; Don Minor; Kathy O'Boyle; Pam Sigmon; Gordon Gathright; Betsy Williams; Cathy Hennelly; family of Gary Lichliter; peace in Ukraine & Israel

### Presence

Sunday, 26 January 2025 witness at Chapel worship = **94** streaming = **22**

### Gifts

Sunday, 26 January 2025 Chapel offering plate = **$4,043.00**

### Service

Thanks to **Suzanne Berg** for serving as our Prayer Chain Coordinator.

**Friendship with Jesus is about:**

I. **Staying connected** (*"remain"* or *"abide"* - vs. 9-10)
II. **Making a difference** (*"fruit"* - v.16)
III. **Showing real love** (*"sacrifice"* or *"lay down"* - v. 13)

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## *FOUR CHAPLAINS REMEMBRANCE LITANY*

## SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025

Leader: On February 3rd, 1943, the *U.S.A.T. Dorchester*, was torpedoed by a German U-boat some 150-miles off the coast of Greenland—an event that resulted in the loss of 672 lives.

**People: We pause on this 82nd anniversary of the ship's sinking to remember—lest we forget.**

Leader: On board were four chaplains of different faiths: Lt. George Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, Jewish; Lt. John Washington, Catholic; and Lt. Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed.

**People: We gratefully acknowledge their calling of devotion to God and their response of duty to country.**

Leader: On that fateful day, witnesses recalled that while the ship sank, the four chaplains went from soldier to soldier calming fears, handing out life-jackets, and guiding men to safety. When there were no more life-jackets to give, they removed their own and gave them to others. The chaplains were last seen arm-in-arm in prayer on the ship's deck.

**People: Many of the 230 men who survived owed their lives to these four chaplains who lived before them—*"no greater love than to lay down one's life"* for their fellow man.**

Leader: Their unique, interfaith spirit and love for their fellow man was memorialized by the U.S. Postal Service on a popular 1948 postage stamp entitled: *"These Immortal Chaplains—Interfaith in Action."* And in 1960, the U.S. Congress created a special *Medal for Heroism* in memory of the four chaplains—an action which has never been repeated.

**People: Ours is the sacred task of remembering, honoring, and upholding the reasons, the values, and the principles for which these chaplains served and died.**

Leader: It is fitting and proper at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel to remember the compassion of the four chaplains—not only in a stained-glass window, the playing of Taps, and the lowering of the U.S. Flag to half-staff—but in an annual remembrance on the Sunday nearest the anniversary.

**People: We wait on the Lord to restore our hope, renew our faith, and rekindle the desire to live according to God's ways.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* Playing of Taps

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# History of the Immortal Four Chaplains

February 3rd, marks the anniversary of the tragic sinking in the icy North Atlantic of the United States Army Transport Dorchester traveling from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland. The Dorchester was carrying 902 service members, merchant seamen and civilian workers. Just before 1:00 a.m., some 100-miles from Greenland, a German torpedo struck the starboard side with a blast killing scores of men, and many more seriously wounded. The sinking resulted in the loss of 672 lives in 1943.

Witnesses of the event have recounted in the Congressional Record the heroism and self-sacrifice of four chaplains of different faiths: Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist: Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Witnesses have verified that during the approximate 18-minutes the ship was sinking, the four chaplains went from soldier-to-soldier bringing hope to the men struggling to survive. They could be heard encouraging the frightened, praying for the dying, and guiding the disoriented toward the lifeboats. While guiding men to safety and handing out lifejackets from storage on the deck, when there were no more lifejackets to distribute, they removed their own and gave them to four frightened young men so as to save their lives. The chaplains were last seen arm-in-arm in prayer and grasping the railing of the ship's deck as it slipped into the frigid Atlantic Ocean.

Many of the 230 men who survived owed their lives to these four chaplains. Their unique interfaith spirit and love for their fellowmen was memorialized by the United State Postal Service on a popular 1948 postage stamp with the title: "These Immortal Chaplains-Interfaith in Action."

Congress in 1957, passed a Concurrent Resolution to honor these Immortal Chaplains and the men who died with them; and Presidents Truman and Eisenhower issued similar proclamations calling for national recognition and participation in memorial services throughout the land to be, observed annually by the American Legion and others on the first Sunday in February.

In turn, Congress created a special Medal of Valor in memory of the four chaplains in 1960, never to be repeated. The United States Congress did pass a unanimous resolution on the first day of the 2nd Session of the 105th Congress, January 27, 1998, designating February 3 as "Four Chaplains Day," which was co-authored by U.S. Senator Rod Grams, of Minnesota, and a similar bill passed unanimously in the Minnesota State Legislature at that same time.

The historic Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel has a permanent memorial in stained glass depicting the compassion of the Four Chaplains and has commemorated this memorial service for decades.