



**ARLINGTON  
STREET CHURCH**  
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

LESSONS & CAROLS:  
A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

**PRELUDE**

Double Concerto in C minor *J.S. Bach* (1685 – 1750)  
BWV 1060  
Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute; Molly Wood, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Virgin text: *Henry David Thoreau* (1817 – 1862)  
music: *Derek Healey* (b. 1936)  
Laura Heinrichs, flute; Alistair Kok, violin

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS**

**CAROL 239**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**CANTICLE**

Mary, Did You Know? Erick DuPree  
text: *Mark Lowry*  
music: *Buddy Greene*

**CAROL**

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer text: *Robert May* (1905 – 1976)  
music: *Johnny Marks* (1909 – 1985)

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer  
had a very shiny nose.

And if you ever saw him,  
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer  
used to laugh and call him names.  
They never let poor Rudolph  
join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
Santa came to say:

“Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”

Then all the reindeer loved him  
as they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,  
you’ll go down in history!

**CHILDREN’S BLESSING**

Go In Joy text: *Barbara Pescan*  
music: *Bart Bradfield*

The children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick DuPree. All children are welcome!

**COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY**

John Markham O’Connor

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, and clicking on “Worship.”

There Will Be a Light *Ben Harper* (b. 1969), arr. *Buckles*  
Valerie Estle, soprano; Daniel Ross, tenor

**AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT**

Love is the spirit of this congregation, And service is our gift. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, To speak our truths in love, And to help one another.	El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación Y el servicio es nuestro regalo. Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos: Convivir en paz, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.
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**CAROL 246**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**LESSON**

A Holy Family Mark David Buckles  
*Rev. David S. Blanchard*

**CAROL 244**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**LESSON**

The Christians and the Pagans Seanan Holland  
*Dar Williams* (b. 1967)

**CAROL 235**

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

**LESSON**

Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem *Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejek*  
*Maya Angelou* (b. 1928)

**ANTHEM**

The First Noel/Pachelbel’s Canon *trad. English Carol* and  
*Johann Pachelbel* (1652 – 1706)  
arr. *Michael Clawson*

Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute

**LESSON**

Gifts *Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie*

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER** Seanan Holland

Winter Solstice Meditation *Rev. Christine C. Robinson*

**ANTHEM**

The appearance of the angels, from *Messiah* text: *Luke 2:8-14*  
music: *G. F. Handel* (1685 – 1759)

Pifa (Pastoral Symphony)

Recitative: There Were Shepherds abiding in the field

Arioso: And Lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them

Recitative: And the angel said unto them, Fear not

Arioso: And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude

Chorus: Glory to God

Valerie Estle, soprano; Molly Wood, piano

**OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

**OFFERTORY**

Pie Jesu, from *Requiem* *Andrew Lloyd Webber* (b. 1948)  
Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute; Molly Wood, piano

**CAROL 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*(Please join us!)*  
We Wish You a Merry Christmas *trad. 16<sup>th</sup> century English Carol*

**POSTLUDE**

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow! *Sammy Cahn & Jule Styne*  
Molly Wood, piano

<b>Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!</b>
<p><b>At Your Service...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns</li> <li>* If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device</li> <li>* If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance</li> </ul> <p><b>... any usher will be happy to help!</b></p>
<p><b>Service is Our Gift</b></p> <p>Art Nava , Lead Greeter Carol Fisher, Assitant Treasurer Ellen Spencer, Lead Usher and Assitant Treasurer John Markham O’Connor, Candles Coordinator Todd Rinehart, Lead Worship Coordinator</p>