

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

Arlington Street Church Choir and Soloists
Rodger Clinton Vine, organist
Joe Della Penna, pianist

Arlington Street's Christmas Eve Youth Elves ~ Allie Dagg, George Humphrey, Jess Dagg, Lili Rodgers, Lucy Humphrey, and Tessa Erbe

Extravaganza Performers ~ David Scanlon, Erica Rose Long, Beth Robbins, and Laura Evonne Steinman

Ushers ~ Ellen Spencer (lead); Dave Dagg and Stacey Sacks;
Susie Nacco; Stephen Vorenberg and Kerry Marshall;
Peter Zalewski; Nikki Derome and Suzanne Gaverich; Michael and Maureen Peterson; David Janero and Jeffrey Thomson;
and all our ushers

Assistant Treasurers ~ Gail Jennes and Alma Antoniotti; Paul Babbitt; Dave Erbe; Carol Fisher; Nancy George; Dennis Haley; Philip Roberts; Scott Schroeder; Ellen Spencer; and our Treasurer, Susie Nacco

Martin Anderson for the beautiful greenery

Robert Holley for the exquisite wreaths

YOU, for your radiant presence here this evening!

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

Please take a moment to complete this card and drop it into the offering plate, so that we may welcome you more fully!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
 I/we have been attending ASC for _____
 How did you hear about Arlington Street?

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
 Social Action Children's Religious Education
 Adult Religious Education & Connections (ASC's small group ministry)
 Young Adult Group Other _____

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

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OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

*Tina Rose (chair) / Mary Marcel (vice chair)
Rick Cresta / Alex Frost / Connie Scanlon
Dave Erbe / Eve Lauria / Kerry Marshall /
Thomas Simers*

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

*Susie Nacco (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby
Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk) /
Thomas Simers (assistant clerk)*

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

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Welcome Visitors!

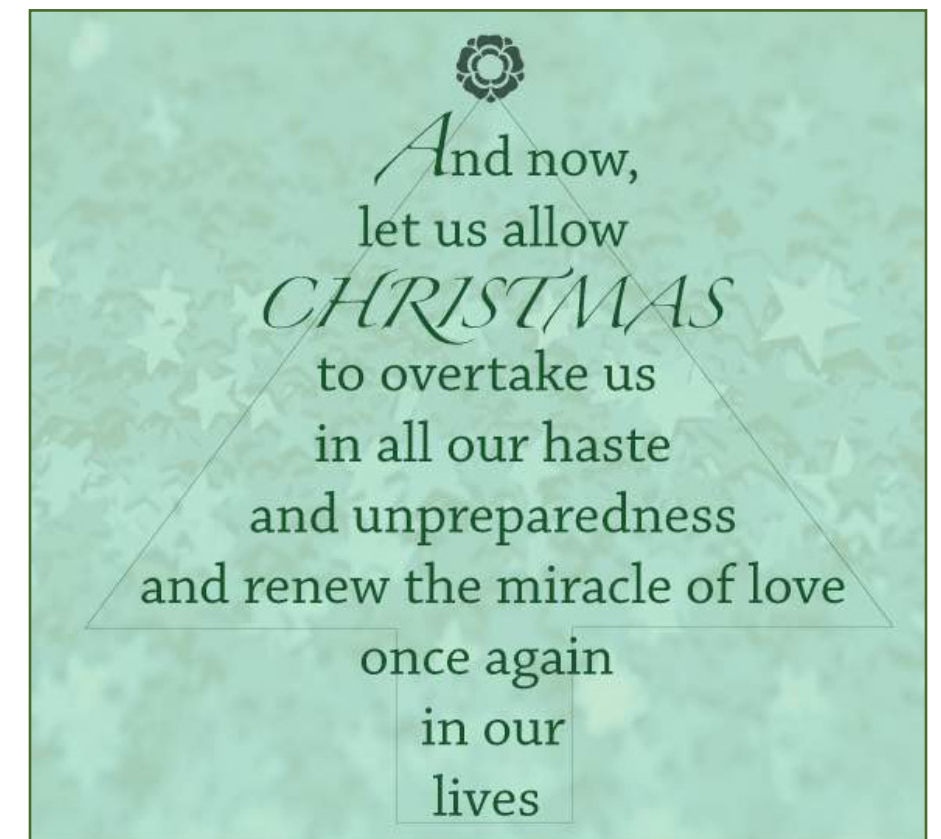
Thank you for coming this evening! We invite you to return on Sunday mornings at 11:00 for a wonderful hour — the Soul of Sunday. We gather for beautiful music, singing and silence, candles of sorrow and joy, a sermon from Rev. Kim, as well as children/youth programming and lunch after the service. Arlington Street is home to spiritual seekers of many diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. You are truly welcome in this beloved spiritual community!

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ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2015
CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT
5:00PM



W. H. Auden, "For the Time Being," *Christmas Oratorio*

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PRELUDE

Selection of Christmas Carols and Songs arr. *Joe Della Penna*
Joe Della Penna, piano

INTROIT

Angels from the Realms of Glory ... text: *James Montgomery* (1771 - 1864)
music: *Henry Smart* (1813 - 1879); arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. *Sir David Willcocks* (1919 - 2015)
music and text attributed: *John Francis Wade* (1711 – 1786)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and adore him, Born the king of angels; O come let us adore him (x3) Christ the Lord.	We, too, with gladness, Thither bend our footsteps; O come let us adore him (x3) Christ the Lord.
Lo, humble shepherds, hast'ning to his cradle, Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.	Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! “Glory to God! Glory in the Highest!” O come let us adore him (x3) Christ the Lord.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

CHALICE LIGHTING

Come, Christmas! adapted: *Rev. M. Maureen Killoran*
Allie Dagg, Jess Dagg, Lili Rodgers, and Lucy Humphrey
*All children, youth, & young at heart are welcome to meet at the back
of the Sanctuary to process in for the final verse of Deck the Hall*

*CAROL

Deck the Hall music: *16th century Welsh Carol*
text: *Thomas Oliphant* (1799 – 1873)

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la la la!
’Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la!
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la!
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la la la!
See the blazing yule before us, Fa la la la la la la!
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la la la!
Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la la la!
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la la la!
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together! Fa la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la la la!

CHRISTMAS EVE EXTRAVAGANZA

Gift of the Magi 2015 *O. Henry* (1862 - 1910)
adapted: *Erica Rose Long*

*CAROL

We Three Kings text & music: *Rev. John Henry Hopkins* (1820 - 1891)
arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Chorus:
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading,
still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

***READING** Beth Robbins, Intern Minster
Luke 2:1 - 20

CANTICLE

O Holy Night text: *Placide Cappeau* (1808 - 1877)
trans. *John S. Dwight* (1813 - 1893)
music: *Adolphe C. Adam* (1803 - 1856)
arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b.1980)
Abigail Krawson, soprano; Julia Mintzer, mezzo soprano

SERMON

Come Love to This World Tonight Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Work of Christmas text: *Howard Thurman* (1899 - 1981)
music: *Dan Forrest* (b. 1978)

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart to the spirit of the season and practice gratitude through generosity. As we collect this evening’s offering, please consider making a special gift in honor of Christmas. For 286 years, the generous support of this community has allowed Arlington Street Church to be a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston.
Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Christmas Time Is Here *Vince Guaraldi* (1928 - 1976)
Joe Della Penna, piano

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night text: *Josef Mohr* (1792 - 1848)
translation: *John Freeman Young* (1820 - 1885)
music: *Franz Gruber* (1787 - 1863)

Silent Night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. (x2)
Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the savior is born. (x2)

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. (x2)

*CAROL

Joy to the World! text: *Isaac Watts* (1674 - 1748)
tune: *G.F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)
music: *Lowell Mason* (1792 - 1872)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing. (x3)
Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!
let hearts their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy. (x3)
He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love. (x3)

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

The Work of Christmas *Howard Thurman* (1899 - 1981)

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (*please join in!*)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas *Trad. 16th Century English Carol*
We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)
and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Christmas: Carol Medley *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

****You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.***