

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Rodger Clinton Vine, organist

Julie Metcalf, violinist

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 Jenness and Alma Antoniotti; Paul Babbitt;

Dave Erbe; Carol Fisher; Nancy George; Dennis Haley; Philip Roberts;

Scott Schroeder; Ellen Spencer; and our Treasurer, Susie Nacco

Arlington Street Church Choir and Soloists

Rodger Clinton Vine, organist

Joe Della Penna, pianist

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 _____

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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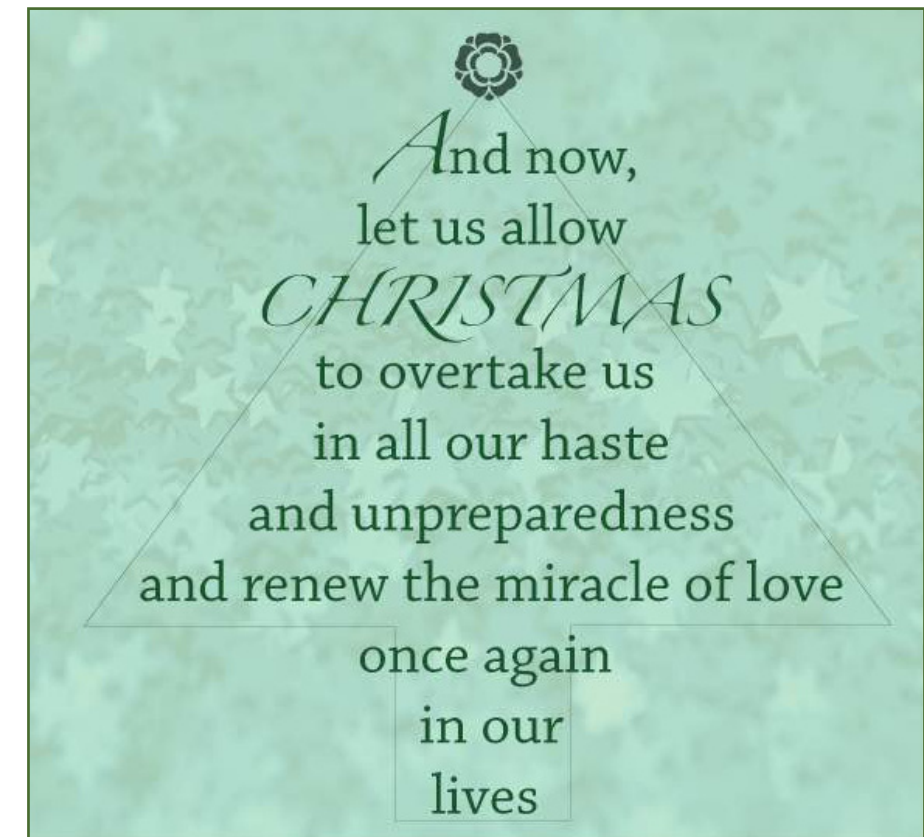


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STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLELIGHT

7:00PM AND 9:00PM



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

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Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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PRELUDE

A Christmas Prelude *Nancy Plummer Faxon* (1914 - 2015)

In Dulci Jubilo *Marcel Dupre* (1886 - 1971)

The Holy Boy *John Ireland* (1879 - 1962)

Reflections on the Nativity *John Carter* (b. 1930)

Prelude on Joy to the World *G. F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)
arr. *Raymond Haan* (b. 1938)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809 - 1847)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

*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.

Lo, humble shepherds, hast'ning to his cradle,

Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.

We, too, with gladness,

Thither bend our footsteps;

O come let us adore him (x3)

Christ the Lord.

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.

INTROIT Boston Gay Men's Chorus

In Dulci Jubilo *14th century German Carol*
arr. *Karl Jenkins* (b. 1944)

Reuben M. Reynolds III, conductor

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

ANTHEM

Son of Maria *Traditional Spanish*, arr. *Karl Jenkins* (b. 1944)

READING

Luke 2:1 - 20 7:00 PM Jamie Crawford
9:00 PM Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

CANTICLE

Still, Still, Still *19th century Austrian Carol*
arranged: *Barlow Bradford*

SERMON

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

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

A Christmas Carol text: *George Withers* (1588 - 1677)
music: *Barlow Bradford*

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

Wexford Carol *Traditional Irish Christmas Carol*
arr. *Julie Metcalf/Mark David Buckles*

Julie Metcalf, fiddle; Mark David Buckles, guitar

ANTHEM

See, Amid the Winter's Snow text: *S.K. Hill*
music: *Eugene Butler* (b. 1935)
adapted: *M.E. Howarth* and *S.K. Hill*

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

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

Everything Possible *Rev. Fred Small* (b. 1952)
arr. *Willi Zwozdesky* (b. 1955)

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.*

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, sharing candles of sorrow and joy, and a sermon from Rev. Kim. We also have a vibrant Children's Religious Education program that meets during 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!

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!