

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 make the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love... (x3)

***BENEDICTION**

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Everything Possible *Rev. Fred Small* (b.1952)
choral arrangement: *Willi Zwozdesky* (b. 1955)

POSTLUDE

Variations sur un Noël, Op. 20 (1922) *Marcel Dupré* (1886 - 1971)
Var. X: Finale: Fugato and Presto
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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 diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. You are truly welcome in this beloved spiritual community!

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Boston Gay Men’s Chorus
Bay Windows

Arlington Street Church Youth ~ Anna & Maya Cooleybeck,
Ari & Lucie Lloyd-Farber, Jamie Crawford, Jess & Allie Dagg, Maya Pontes
Ushers ~ Abi & Alice Harper; Art Nava & Rich Abreu; Barbara Seidl; Bill Briggs & Keith Perron; Dave, Stacey (Sacks), Jess & Allie Dagg; David Erbe (lead); E.B. Fouts-Palmer; Greg Hyde; Ellen Spencer (lead); Lois Hartsough; Michael Fisher & Kevin Tyrrell (lead); Philip Roberts (lead); Queen Cheryl; Rohn MacNulty; Sam Jones; Sarah & Patrick Cooleybeck; Stephen Batchelder; Tina Rose

Our Treasurer, Art Nava, and Assistant Treasurers ~ Alma Antoniotti, Ellen Spencer, Gail Jennes, Kevin Tyrrell, Nancy George, Nancy Perna, Paul Babbitt, Philip Roberts (lead), Scott Schroeder

Arlington Street Church Choir and Soloists
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals
Joe Della Penna, piano

Robert Holley and his elves for the exquisite sanctuary decorations
Queen Cheryl for preparing our Christmas Day feast
Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends
YOU, for your radiant presence here this evening!

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) / Rick Cresta (vice chair)
Dave Erbe / Lois Hartsough / Al Ingram / Eve Lauria / Art Nava / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon*

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Art Nava (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (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.”

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*
Rev. George G. Whitehouse *Minister at Large*
Beth Robbins, *Intern Minister*

Community Ministers

Dr. Arthur Judge
Hospital Chaplain, retired
Rev. Clyde Grubbs
Interim Minister, Cambridge

Rev. Fred Small
Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Joanna Lubkin
Chaplain, Wellesley College

Rev. Vera O'Brien
Chaplain, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Intern Ministers

Erica Rose Long
Massachusetts General Hospital

Liz Weber
UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*
Linli Wang, *Organist and Pianist*
Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Julie Gregorio, *soprano*
Emily Jaworski, *mezzo soprano*
Daniel Rosensweig, *tenor*
Lawson Daves, *bass*

Children’s Religious Education

Laura Evonne Steinman, *CRE Director and Artist in Residence*
Jaimie Dingus, *CRE Assistant*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*
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Brad Nobles, *Sexton*
Laurinda O’Connor, *Publications*

All staff members may be reached through the church office

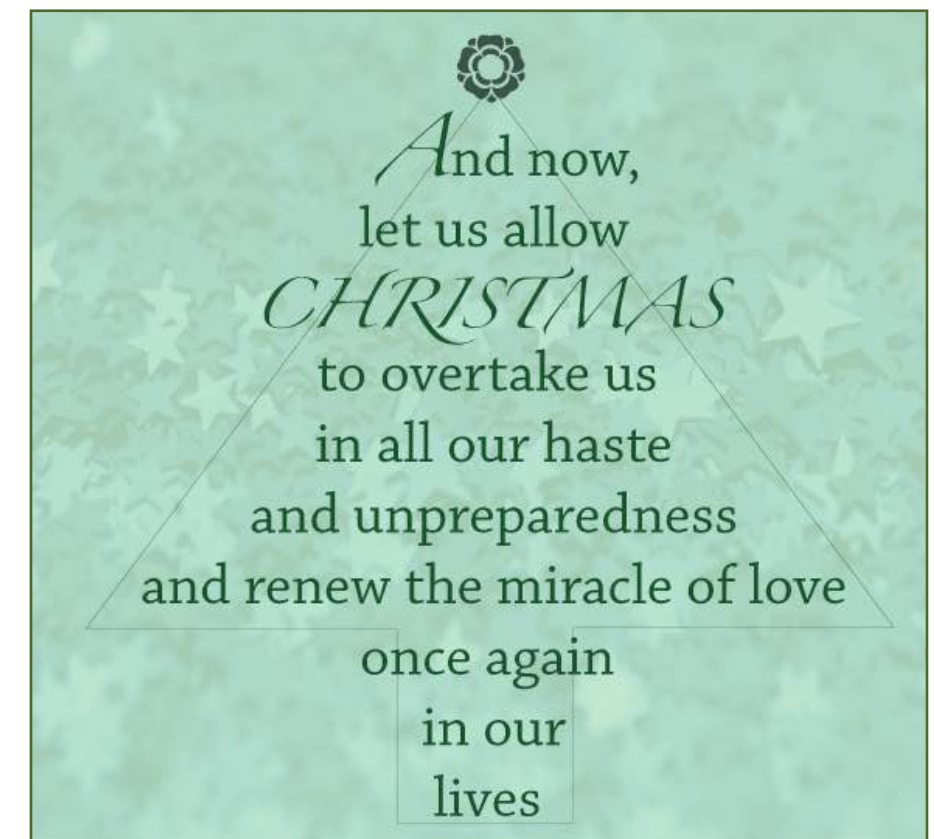
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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2016
CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT
7:00PM AND 9:00PM



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

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PRELUDE

Two Settings of “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Michael Praetorius (1571 - 1621)

arranged: *Johannes Brahms* (1833 - 1897) and *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)

Prelude on “Divinum mysterium”

Nancy Plummer Faxon (1914 - 2005)

Prelude on “Greensleeves” *Richard Purvis* (1913 - 1994)

Three Meditations on Christmas Hymns *David Lasky* (b. 1957)

I. Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

II. Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

III. Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High *16th Century French Melody*

arranged: *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)

Noel: “Grand Jeu et Duo” *Louis-Claude Daquin* (1694 - 1772)

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...

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...

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...

Christ the Lord.

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

INTROIT Boston Gay Men’s Chorus

Mark David Buckles, conductor

Welcome Christmas text: *Dr. Seuss* (1904 - 1991)

from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

music: *Albert Hague* (1920 - 2001)

choral arrangement: *Kevin Robison* (b. 1961)

Linli Wang, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

ANTHEM

We Three Kings ... text and music: *John Henry Hopkins* (1820 - 1891)

choral arrangement: *Will Todd* (b. 1970)

Will Todd wrote this arrangement for the choir of St-Martin-in-the-Fields

in London, the building upon which Arthur Gilman modeled

the sanctuary of Arlington Street Church.

READING

Luke 2:1-20 7:00 pm Jamie Crawford

9:00 pm Beth Robbins

CANTICLE

In the Bleak Midwinter text: *Christina Rossetti* (1830 - 1894)

music: *Gustav Holst* (1874 - 1934)

choral arrangement: *Will Todd* (b. 1970)

SERMON

Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light!

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Rebel Jesus *Jackson Browne* (b. 1948)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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 287 years, the generous support of this



community has allowed Arlington Street Church to

be a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace in

downtown Boston. As a convenient option, you may

text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR

code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

OFFERTORY

Evening Prayer text: *St. Augustine of Hippo* (354 - 430)

music: *Ola Gjeilo* (b. 1978)

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,

And give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones,

And all for your love’s sake. Amen.

The Work of Christmas Begins ... text: *Howard Thurman* (1899 - 1981)

music: *Steve Huffines* (b. 1961)

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.

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)

melody: *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)