

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2019
CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT
7:00 AND 9:00 PM

PRELUDE

A Christmas Prelude *Nancy Plummer Faxon* (1914 - 2005)

Partita on *Silent Night* *Charles Callahan* (b. 1951)

Six Improvisations on Christmas Carols ... *Noel Rawsthorne* (1929 - 2019)

I. What Child is This?

II. We Three Kings

III. See, Amid the Winter's Snow

IV. I Saw Three Ships

V. Sussex Carol

VI. Mary Had a Baby

Echo Noel *Louis-Claude Daquin* (1694 - 1772)

arrangement: *Clarence Watters* (1902 - 1986)

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, O come let us adore him,

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, O come let us adore him,

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 G*d! Glory in the Highest!

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

INTROIT

Jingle Bell Rock

Joseph Carleton Beal (1900 – 1967) and *James Ross Boothe* (1917 – 1976)

arrangement: *Alan Billingsley* and *Rob Bradley*

Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Courtney Furno, conductor

Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

ANTHEM

Christmas Waltzes arrangement: *Chad Weirick*

READING

Luke 2:1-20 7:00 pm Jamie Crawford
9:00 pm Rev. Beth Robbins

CANTICLE

With Love *John Bucchino*

SERMON

Fear Not Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

There Will Be A Light *Ben Harper* (b. 1969)
arrangement & additional lyrics: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, piano & vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin & vocals

There will be a light

There will be a light

Let the warmth of our love dry away all of your tears

Fear not, fear not, for we are with you

We will fear not, fear not with you here

There will be a light

There will be a light

Let the warmth of our love magnify all of your bliss

Sing out, sing out, for we are with you

Together, we will give thanks for this

There will be a light

There will be a light

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Thanks to the generosity of the Tammy and Zoe Arcuri Giving Fund, gifts to this evening's offering will be matched dollar for dollar. In the spirit of the season, please consider making a special gift! Members of Arlington Street's leadership are giving Christmas gifts between \$250-\$500; our ministers have both pledged gifts of \$500! Your Christmas contribution of any amount will be much appreciated and matched to ensure that Arlington Street Church continues to serve our city as a beacon



of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!

Merry Christmas!

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

OFFERTORY

Miracle *Matisyahu* (b. 1979)
arrangement: *Chad Weirick*

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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the savior is born,
Christ the savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of G*d, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

*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, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!
Let hearts their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,

*Tonight's singers are the BGMC Carolers. They represent about 10%
of the entire membership of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus.*

***BENEDICTION**

The Work of Christmas

Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981), adapted

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Finale from *Variations Sur un Noel (1922) ... Marcel Dupré (1886 – 1971)*
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Welcome to Arlington Street Church!

We're thrilled to welcome you to our Christmas Eve candle lighting service! Arlington Street opens its doors to all spiritual seekers of good heart. Every Sunday morning, we gather at 11:00 for beautiful music and an inspiring message from Rev. Kim. After the service, we enjoy coffee, lunch, conversation, and community together. We hope you'll come back again soon!
All are welcome!

Special Thanks To

Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Lead Ushers

Kevin Tyrrell and Philip Roberts (7:00)

Bill Briggs and Keith Perron (9:00)

and the entire team of ushers and greeters

Liz Teixeira, Treasurer

Assistant Treasurers:

Alma Antoniotti, Paul Babbitt, Dawn Bellamo, Bruce Dallaire,

Gail Jennes, Deb Khobare, Reese Millican, Philip Roberts,

Scott Schroeder, and Kevin Tyrrell

Robert Holley, for creating the exquisite sanctuary decorations
Kevin Tyrrell, Lead Elf, and a host of Elves for "bringing in the greens!"

Jon Andersen-Miller, Bruce Dallaire, Darrell Waters, and Queen Cheryl
for beautification

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

You, for your radiant presence here this evening!

