

**LET'S COME TOGETHER TO  
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS !**

**Holiday Events, Holiday Services**

- Dec. 20, 8PM** Winter Solstice Vespers ~ Beautiful readings, meditation by candlelight, songs, & wassailing the trees in the Public Garden
- Dec. 24, 5PM** Christmas Eve by Candle Light family service
- 7 & 9PM** Community Services with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus

For more information, visit [www.ASCBoston.org](http://www.ASCBoston.org). All Are Welcome!

**At Your Service:**

- \* If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns
- \* If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- \* If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!**

**Service is Our Gift**

*Assistant Treasurers*, Carol Fisher and Ellen Spencer  
*Candles Coordinator*, Art Nava  
*Lead Greeter*, Reese Millican  
*Lead Usher*, Ellen Spencer  
*Worship Coordinator*, John M. O'Connor  
*Cover Image*, Laura Evonne Steinman, Chalice Gwiazda, traditional Polish papercutting

**IF YOU FELT THIS WAS A GREAT SERVICE,  
NEXT WEEK, BRING A FRIEND TO SHARE IN THE JOY!**

**SONG**

Happy Xmas (War Is Over)

*John Lennon (1940-1980) & Yoko Ono (b. 1933)*

Mark David Buckles, guitar arr. *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

A very merry Christmas  
 And a happy New Year,  
 Let's hope it's a good one,  
 Without any fear.

War is over if you want it  
 War is over now.

**OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH**

**"Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life."**

This is the first of the six sources of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all six sources, as well as the seven principles of our free faith, please see the Our Faith brochure in the pew rack.

**ALLELUIA!**

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

**CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

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

**THE MEMBERS ARE:**

*Art Nava & Deb Pontes (co-chairs) / Carmen Griggs  
 Richard Marshall / Shane McBride / Karl Paulnack  
 Ellen Payzant / Harlow Robinson / Bob Sessions*

**OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:**

*Dan Moon (council chair) / Samuel Gloyd &  
 Diana Miller (co-moderators) / David McClain  
 (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)*

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING**

CRE begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs in the Perkins Room for CRE. There is an adjacent toddler room for parents with children ages 1-5. Fussy babies and their parents are invited to the Nursery just off the Hunnewell Chapel, where a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. For information about our Children's Religious Education program, please contact the church office or see the religious educator.

**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.

**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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**Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano**  
**Jonathan Price, tenor**  
**J. Jacob Krause, baritone, Assistant Conductor**

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**ARLINGTON  
STREET CHURCH**  
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

LESSONS & CAROLS  
WAITING FOR THE LIGHT



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Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

LESSONS & CAROLS

WAITING FOR THE LIGHT

## PRELUDE

Good King Wenceslas ..... Traditional, Arr. *Ovid Young*  
Molly Wood, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

## WELCOME

## CHALICE LIGHTING

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent 4: May the Love ..... *Frederick E. Gillis*

## CANTICLE

Light These Lights (Hear My Prayer) ..... *Debbie Friedman* (1951-2011)  
Mark David Buckles and Joanna Lubkin

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

### \*HYMN 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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, by clicking on “Worship.”

Some of us pray with our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer ..... music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)  
text: *African American Spiritual “Balm in Gilead” and Nick Page*  
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Drone

Melody

We pray We

## 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

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!”

## LESSON

Into the Dark ..... Rebecca Froom

### \*HYMN 55

Dark of Winter

## LESSON

Dwelling on go ..... Laura Evonne Steinman

### \*SONG 118

This Little Light of Mine

## LESSON

By Spirit Alone ..... Joanna Lubkin

### \*HYMN 223

Rock of Ages ..... Trad. arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Introduction: Choir

Verse 2: Soloists

Verse 1: Congregation

Verse 3: Congregation

## LESSON

War Is Over (If You Want It) ..... Mark David Buckles

## SONG

Happy Xmas (War Is Over)

*John Lennon* (1940-1980) & *Yoko Ono* (b. 1933)

Mark David Buckles, guitar

arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

## LESSON

Ring Out, Wild Bells! ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

### \*CAROL 253

O, Come, All Ye Faithful

## CANTICLE

O Magnum Mysterium ..... *Francis Poulenc* (1899-1963)  
Julie Gregorio, soprano; Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo  
Jonathan Price, tenor; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

## 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

Christmas Time is Here ..... *Vince Guaraldi* (1928-1976)  
Molly Wood, piano

### \*CAROL 231

Angels We Have Heard on High

### \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Wish You A Merry Christmas . . . . . trad. 16<sup>th</sup> century English Carol

We wish you a Merry Christmas (3)

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

Christmas Don't Be Late ..... *Ross Bagdasarian* (1919-1972)  
Molly Wood, piano (The Chipmunk Song)

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

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**TODAY – December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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## Children’s Religious Education (CRE)

We’re so happy that the children are celebrating Lessons and Carols with us this morning! There are special activity bags for the children to enjoy during the service. If your child becomes restless, feel free to ask an usher for directions to our nursery just off the sanctuary, where you can listen to the service, which is piped in.

After the Service, please enjoy potato latkes in honor of the Jewish Holiday of Chanukah, which starts on Tuesday night. During Chanukah, Jews eat food made with oil to remind them that the last of the sacred oil for the temple menorah stayed lit for 8 whole days, when the people thought it would last for just one. Magical for sure!

After latkes, join us from 12:30-2:30 in the Perkins Room for some Sewful fun! Come create quilts for the homeless and other fabric/textiles, sewing crafts. All ages are welcome.