



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022



Dearly Beloved,

Happy fifth night of Chanukah! And ... here comes Christmas!

On Saturday, Christmas Eve services are at 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00, both in person and in the [Arlington Street Zoom room](#). It's a glorious service, including a little preaching, a lot of caroling, and an exquisite ceremony during which all the lights come down and the sanctuary and the Zoom room glow with candle light. At the 5:00 service, the Arlington Street musicians play and sing, there's a story for the children, and Santa (she/her/hers) makes a special appearance, bearing Christmas rubber duckies. At the 7:00 and 9:00 services, we are joined by the heavenly host of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus! I can never, ever sufficiently thank all the volunteers and staff who make the magic of this evening, but I'll start right now to try: *Thank you, friends!*

On Sunday morning at 11:00, I'll be back in the pulpit to share selections and lessons from Charles Dickens' *The Christmas Carol*. Hyunju Jung will be on piano, playing, among other selections, Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Greensleeves*. Soprano Hannah Shanefield will sing for us, from the Chanukah blessings to Believe (Polar Express), and we'll join her in *Rock of Ages* as well as, yes, more Christmas carols! Following the service, Queen Cheryl and Darrell Waters are hosting the in-person congregation for holiday treats and one another's good company.

It will be wonderful to be together this weekend for our first hybrid Christmas celebration! I'm looking forward to every moment with you.

*Let your heart be light!*

*Faithfully yours, with love,  
Kim*

