

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 WELCOMING THE ADVENT SEASON

#### PRELUDE

*Maurice Ravel* (1875 – 1937) Selections from Mother Goose Suite (for Piano Four Hands)

Amy Lynne Menard and Mark David Buckles, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

November Alleluia Mark David Buckles (b. 1980) Amy Lynne Menard (b. 1980)

### CHALICE LIGHTING

Rob Cotta

"The Darkling Thrush," by Thomas Hardy

# WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, PULPIT EDITORIAL, AND **GREETINGS**

### \*Hymn 1

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

text: Barbara Pescan Go In Joy music: Bart Bradfield

The children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick DuPree. All children are welcome!

# **COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY**

Lois Hartsough

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, and clicking on "Worship."

# Spirit Of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí. Sing in my heart all the Y al corazón, cántale stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; Sopla al volar, sube en la mar; Hasta moldear la justicia Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings Arráigame, libérame, set me free:

Spirit of Life, come to me, Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, come to me. ven a mí.

### 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.

tu compasión.

de la vida.

# \*Hymn 83

Winds Be Still

Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek HOMILY Welcoming Darkness, Remembering Light (Welcoming justice, mercy, and peace)

# HYMN 55

Dark of Winter

# SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### CANTICLE

15th Century Franciscan O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Chant

arr. Buckles/Menard

Amy Lynne Menard, viola/vocals; Mark David Buckles, guitar/vocals

### **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**

Kickin' The Clouds Away George Gershwin (1898 – 1937)

### \*Hymn 118

This Little Light of Mine

(sung twice; please join us!) \*CHORAL BENEDICTION When You Walk From Here text: Linnea Good music: Tom Witt, arr. Buckles When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

## \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

#### **POSTLUDE**

For the Beauty of the Earth Conrad Kocher (1786 – 1872) arr. Buckles/Menard

Amy Lynne Menard and Mark David Buckles, organ

# Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

### 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
- ... any usher will be happy to help!

### Service is Our Gift

Dan Moon, Lead Usher Desmond Ravenstone, Lead Worship Coordinator Linda Evans, Lead Greeter Lois Hartsough, Candles Coordinator Mark MacDonnell, Treasurer Rob Cotta, Prudential Committee