Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 2011 Advent $3 \sim Joy$

Prelude

Five Anniversaries *Leonard Bernstein* (1918-1990) Molly Wood, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Third Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980) Jonathan Price, tenor; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

We believe in acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth. Amen

CHALICE LIGHTING

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Let There be Joy	Carl Seaburg
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*Hymn

Frosty the Snowman	Steve "Jack" Rollins & Steve Nelson
Frosty the snowman	Frosty the snowman
was a jolly happy soul,	Knew the sun was hot that day,
With a corncob pipe	So he said, "Let's run
and a button nose	and we'll have some fun now
And two eyes made out of coal.	Before I melt away."
Frosty the snowman	
is a fairy tale, they say,	Down to the village,
He was made of snow	With a broomstick in his hand,
but the children know	Running here and there
How he came to life one day.	All around the square
	Saying, "Catch me if you can."
There must have been	
some magic in that	He led them down
Old silk hat they found.	the streets of town
For when they placed it	Right to the traffic cop.
on his head	And he only paused
He began to dance around.	a moment when
	He heard him holler, "Stop!"
O, Frosty the snowman	For Frosty the snow man
Was alive as he could be,	Had to hurry on his way,

And the children say he could laugh and play Just the same as you and me.

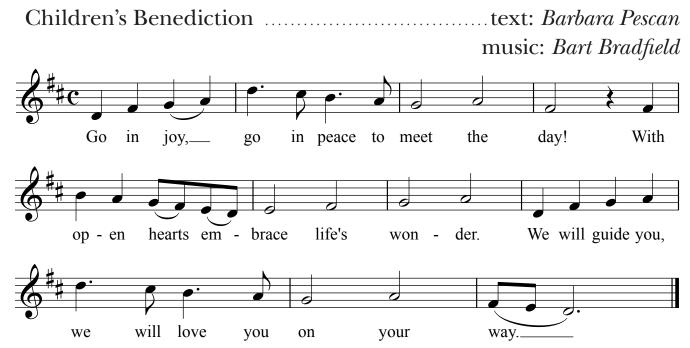
Thumpety thump thump, Thumpety thump thump, Look at Frosty go. Thumpety thump thump, Thumpety thump thump, Over the hills of snow. But he waved goodbye, saying "Don't you cry, I'll be back again some day."

Thumpety thump thump, Thumpety thump thump, Look at Frosty go. Thumpety thump thump, Thumpety thump thump, Over the hills of snow.

DECORATING THE MITTEN TREE

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree Johnny Marks (1909-1985)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING



During the Children's Blessing, all children are always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

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



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.

*Hymn 225

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Homily

Cold, Dark, and Happy Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Here We Come A-Caroling *Traditional English Carol* (c. 1850) arr. *Brant Adams* (b. 1955)

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

Esurientes Implevit Bonis, from Magnificat

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Jonathan Price, tenor

*Hymn 29

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (sung twice; please join us!) 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.

Postlude

Sleigh Ride *Leroy Anderson* (1908-1975) Molly Wood, piano

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

TODAY – December IIth, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today is Mitten Tree Sunday! We will hear the story of The Mitten Tree, and decorate the tree with the scarves we created last week. Then we'll make our own cards to sell in the Parish Hall today, to benefit the Friday Night Supper Program. We'll also begin to create props for our 5:00 Christmas Eve extravaganza!

This afternoon at 1:00, let's all go with our families to the Carol Sing in the chapel!