

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2011

ADVENT 3 ~ 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*

*HYMN

Frosty the Snowman *Steve "Jack" Rollins & Steve Nelson*

Frosty the snowman
was a jolly happy soul,
With a corncob pipe
and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty the snowman
is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow
but the children know
How he came to life one day.

There must have been
some magic in that
Old silk hat they found.
For when they placed it
on his head
He began to dance around.

O, Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be,
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.

Frosty the snowman
Knew the sun was hot that day,
So he said, "Let's run
and we'll have some fun now
Before I melt away."

Down to the village,
With a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there
All around the square
Saying, "Catch me if you can."

He led them down
the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop.
And he only paused
a moment when
He heard him holler, "Stop!"
For Frosty the snow man
Had to hurry on his way,
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.

STORY FOR ALL AGES *Laura Evonne Steinman*

The Mitten Tree *Candace Christiansen*

DECORATING THE MITTEN TREE

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*
music: *Bart Bradfield*

Go in joy,— go in peace to meet the day! With
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Go in joy,— go in peace to meet the day! With'. The second staff contains 'op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,'. The third staff contains 'we will love you on your way.' and ends with a double bar line.

*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

We pray We

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Drone' and contains the lyrics 'We pray We'. The bottom staff is labeled 'Melody' and contains a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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 11th, 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!