

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – DECEMBER 14, 2014

Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
- I/we have been attending ASC for _____
- I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- How did you hear about Arlington Street?

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail Phone E-mail No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
- Social Action Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education & Connections (ASC's small group ministry)
- Young Adult Group Other _____

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

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *John O'Connor*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *David Scanlon*
Lead Usher, *Greg Haig*
Worship Coordinator, *Kate Birney*
Assistant Treasurers, *Alma Antoniotti and Gail Jennes*

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Alex Frost (chair) / Greg Haig (vice-chair)
Christine Curtiss / Dave Erbe / Mary Marcel
Kerry Marshall / Dan Moon / Tina Rose
Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Tori Bell & Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators)
Doc Kinne (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

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

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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NB: To reach any staff member by phone, dial 617-536-7050. When prompted, enter *8 and then the extension.

Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2014

ADVENT 3: JOY

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM
PROMOTES SEVEN PRINCIPLES

~ OUR FOURTH PRINCIPLE ~

*A free and responsible search
for truth and meaning.*

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2014

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

PRELUDE

Pastorale, from *Christmas Concerto Op. 68*

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ arr. Robert Gower

INTROIT

The Sixth Principle Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Matt Meyer, percussion

We believe in world community with peace, liberty, and justice.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 3

Joy Aja & Jade Jackson

*HYMN 225

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

STORY IN THE SANCTUARY

Warmth from the Inside Out

Laura Evonne Steinman, CRE and Carol Fisher

*DRESSING THE TREE!

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

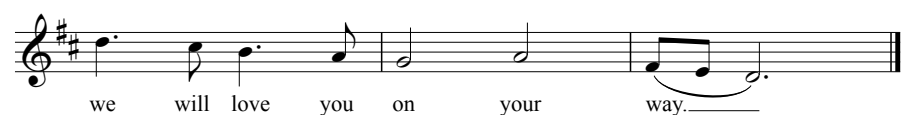
Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

All are welcome to bring their gifts to the Mitten Tree!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: Barbara Pescan

music: Bart Bradfield



*At this time, all children are welcomed to
Children's Religious Education!*

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 words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to 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

Julie Gregorio, soprano; Daniel Rosensweig, tenor



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 241

In The Bleak Midwinter arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

SERMON Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

On Not Giving What We Want To Receive

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Betelehemu (Bethlehem) Nigerian Christmas Carol

Babatunde Olatunji (1927-2003) and Wendell Whalum (1931-1987)

Matt Meyer, percussion

arr. Barrington Brooks

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

Over 300 pledging members and friends also support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!"

OFFERTORY

Improvisation

Matt Meyer, percussion

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 231

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Mark David Buckles

Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (sung twice; please join in!)

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)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Following this morning's service, Rev. Kim looks forward to greeting you at the great doors. Mark David Buckles invites those interested to join him in listening to the postlude.

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

It's Mitten Tree Sunday! Today is the day that we decorate our tree with mittens, scarves, hats, and socks for our friends who come to Arlington Street Church for the Friday Night Supper Program.

After the tree has been decorated, children and youth will meet in their age-based groups to share their sorrow and joys, and to share special holiday time together.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email cre@ascboston.org.