

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT

7:00 AND 9:00 PM

PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

The Wexford Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Still, Still, Still arranged: *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)

Prelude on Joy to the World arranged: *Raymond Haan* (b. 1938)

Xuan He, organ

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. *Sir David Willcocks* (1919 – 2015)

music and text attributed: *John Francis Wade* (1711 – 1786)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and adore Him,

Born the King of angels;

O come let us adore Him...

Christ the Lord.

Lo, humble shepherds, hast'ning to His cradle,

Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.

We, too, with gladness,

Thither bend our footsteps;

O come let us adore Him...

Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God!

Glory in the Highest!

O come let us adore Him...

Christ the Lord.

INTROIT

Veni, Veni Emmanuel Boston Gay Men's Chorus

text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum* (1710)

tune: *15th century French hymn*

choral arrangement: *John F. Englert*

Reuben M. Reynolds III, conductor

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

ANTHEM

Stars I Shall Find text: *Sara Teasdale* (1884 – 1933)
music: *David C. Dickau* (b. 1953)

READING

Luke 2:1-14 7:00 pm Jamie Crawford
9:00 pm Beth Robbins

CANTICLE

How Great Our Joy! text: *Micah 5:2; Luke 2:8-20*
music: *Traditional German Carol*
choral arrangement: *Hugo Jüngst* (1853 – 1923)
TTBB arrangement: *Craig Courtney* (b. 1954)

SERMON

Wonder Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Over the Skies of Yisrael text: *Robert Espindola* (1952 – 2016)
music: *Robert Seeley*

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

You are invited to open your heart to the spirit of the season and practice gratitude through generosity. As we collect this evening's offering, please consider making a special gift in honor of Christmas. For 288 years, the generous support of this community has allowed Arlington Street Church to be a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan this QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*



OFFERTORY

Over the River/Sleighride *Traditional/Leroy Anderson* (1908 – 1975)
choral arrangement: *Chad Weirick*

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

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night text: *Josef Mohr* (1792 – 1848)

translation: *John Freeman Young* (1820 – 1885)

music: *Franz Gruber* (1787 – 1863)

Silent Night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace... (x2)

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the savior is born... (x2)

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, lord at thy birth... (x2)

*CAROL

Joy to the World!

text: *Isaac Watts* (1674 – 1748)

tune: *G.F. Handel* (1685 – 1759)

music: *Lowell Mason* (1792 – 1872)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing... (x3)

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!
Let hearts their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy... (x3)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love... (x3)

*BENEDICTION

The Work of Christmas *Howard Thurman* (1899 – 1981), adapted

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Everything Possible *Rev. Fred Small* (b.1952)

choral arrangement: *Willi Zwozdesky* (b. 1955)

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue on *Now is Born the Divine Christ Child*

Xuan He, organ

David Lasky (b. 1957)

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for coming this evening! We invite you to return on Sunday mornings at 11:00 for a wonderful hour—the Soul of Sunday. We gather for beautiful music, singing and silence; sharing candles of sorrow and joy; and a sermon from Rev. Kim. We also have a vibrant Children’s Religious Education program that meets during the service. Arlington Street is home to spiritual seekers of diverse backgrounds and religious traditions.

You are truly welcome in this beloved spiritual community!

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Boston Gay Men’s Chorus
Reuben M. Reynolds III, conductor
Bill Casey, piano
Xuan He, organ

Ushers:

Philip Roberts (lead, 7pm), Bill Briggs & Keith Perron (leads, 9pm),
Anna Jane Clutterbuck-Cook, Queen Cheryl, Deb Stein, Greg Hyde, Jim
McSherry, Lois Hartsough, Margy Herley, Mikey Patterson,
Sam Jones, Scott Schroeder, Steve Browne,
Stacey Sacks, Dave, Jess & Allie Dagg

Art Nava, Our Treasurer

Assistant Treasurers:

Alma Antoniotti, Gail Jennes, Kevin Tyrrell, Nancy George,
Nancy Perna, Paul Babbitt, Philip Roberts, Scott Schroeder

Robert Holley for the exquisite sanctuary decorations
and to all of Santa Robert’s Elves

Darrell and Rhonda Waters
for the fabulous outdoor seasonal greenery design

Jamie Crawford

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends
YOU, for your radiant presence here this evening!



PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

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