

***BENEDICTION**

The Work of Christmas

Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981), adapted

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Everything Possible *Rev. Fred Small (b. 1952)*
arrangement: *Willi Zwozdesky (b. 1955)*

POSTLUDE

Finale from *Variations Sur un Noel (1922) ... Marcel Dupré (1886 – 1971)*
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Welcome to Arlington Street Church!

We're thrilled to welcome you to our Christmas Eve candle lighting service! Arlington Street opens its doors to all spiritual seekers of good heart. Every Sunday morning, we gather at 11:00 for beautiful music and an inspiring message from Rev. Kim. After the service, we enjoy coffee, lunch, conversation, and community together. We hope you'll come back again soon!
All are welcome!

Special Thanks To

Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Lead Ushers

Kevin Tyrrell and Philip Roberts (7:00)

Bill Briggs and Keith Perron (9:00)

and the entire team of ushers and greeters

Liz Teixeira, Treasurer

Assistant Treasurers:

Alma Antoniotti, Paul Babbitt, Dawn Bellamo, Bruce Dallaire,

Gail Jennes, Deb Khobare, Reese Millican, Philip Roberts,

Scott Schroeder, and Kevin Tyrrell

Robert Holley, for creating the exquisite sanctuary decorations

Kevin Tyrrell, Lead Elf, and a host of Elves for "bringing in the greens!"

Jon Andersen-Miller, Bruce Dallaire, Darrell Waters, and Queen Cheryl

for beautification

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

You, for your radiant presence here this evening!



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:

Deb Pontes (chair) / Philip Roberts (vice-chair)

Joe Alen / Dan Brotman / Nikki DeRome

Reese Millican / Alan Rodgers

Julia Simon / Darrell Waters

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Liz Teixeira (treasurer) / Tom Anderson &

Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

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.

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows will resume in April 2020. For more information, please visit www.asctiffany.org.

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."

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Beth Robbins, *Executive Minister*

Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*

Community Ministers

Ali Jablonsky
Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center

Dr. Arthur Judge
Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Erica Rose Long
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

Rev. Joanna Lubkin
Minister, All Souls Church, Braintree
Chaplain, Wellesley College

Rev. Vera O'Brien
Chaplain, HopeHealth
Sandwich and Martha's Vineyard

Rev. Fred Small
Minister for Climate Justice

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*

Yulia Yun, *Collaborative Pianist*

Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, *Soprano*

Hana Omori, *Alto*

Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

Tevan Goldberg, *Bass*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*

Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*

Brad Nobles, *Sexton*

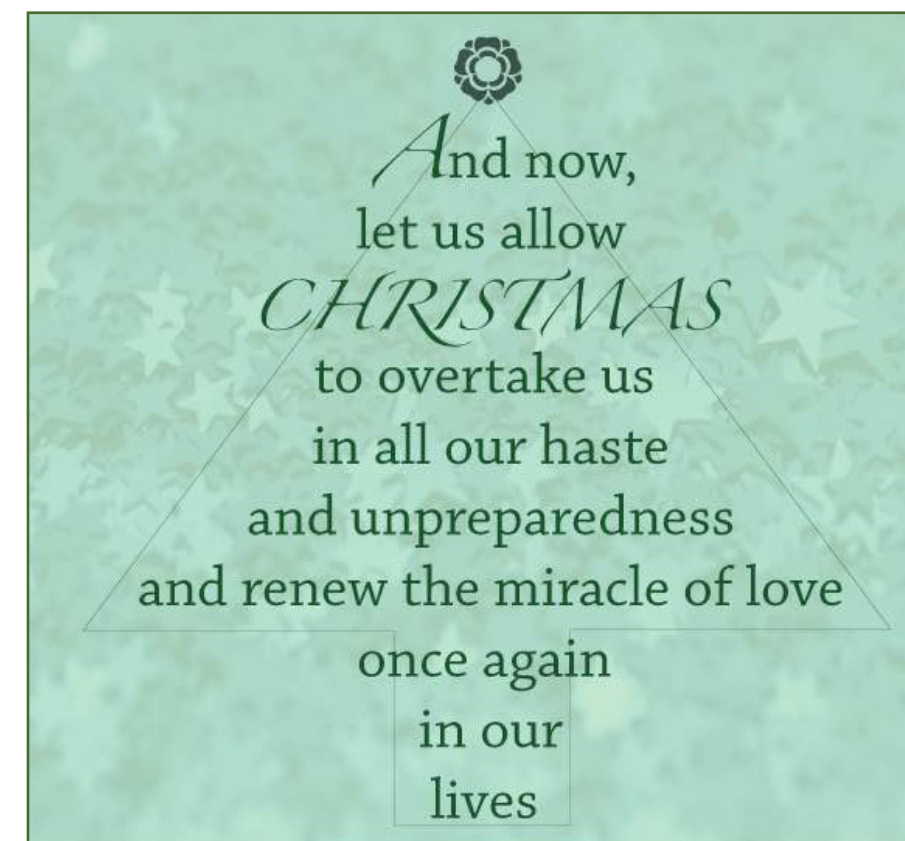
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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2019
CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT
7:00PM AND 9:00PM



W. H. Auden, "For the Time Being," *Christmas Oratorio*

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PRELUDE

A Christmas Prelude *Nancy Plummer Faxon* (1914 - 2005)
Partita on *Silent Night* *Charles Callahan* (b. 1951)
Six Improvisations on Christmas Carols ... *Noel Rawsthorne* (1929 - 2019)

- I. What Child is This?
- II. We Three Kings
- III. See, Amid the Winter's Snow
- IV. I Saw Three Ships
- V. Sussex Carol
- VI. Mary Had a Baby

Echo Noel *Louis-Claude Daquin* (1694 - 1772)
arrangement: *Clarence Watters* (1902 - 1986)

Rodger Clinton Vine, 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, O come let us adore him,
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, O come let us adore him,
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 G*d! Glory in the Highest!
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

INTROIT

Jingle Bell Rock
Joseph Carleton Beal (1900 – 1967) and *James Ross Boothe* (1917 – 1976)
arrangement: *Alan Billingsley and Rob Bradley*

Boston Gay Men's Chorus
Courtney Furno, conductor
Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

ANTHEM

Christmas Waltzes arrangement: *Chad Weirick*

READING

Luke 2:1-20 7:00 pm Jamie Crawford
9:00 pm Rev. Beth Robbins

CANTICLE

With Love *John Bucchino*

SERMON

Fear Not Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

There Will Be A Light *Ben Harper* (b. 1969)
arrangement & additional lyrics: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, piano & vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin & vocals

There will be a light
There will be a light
Let the warmth of our love dry away all of your tears
Fear not, fear not, for we are with you
We will fear not, fear not with you here
There will be a light
There will be a light
Let the warmth of our love magnify all of your bliss
Sing out, sing out, for we are with you
Together, we will give thanks for this
There will be a light
There will be a light

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Thanks to the generosity of the Tammy and Zoe Arcuri Giving Fund, gifts to this evening's offering will be matched dollar for dollar. In the spirit of the season, please consider making a special gift! Members of Arlington Street's leadership are giving Christmas gifts between \$250-\$500; our ministers have both pledged gifts of \$500! Your Christmas contribution of any amount will be much appreciated and matched to ensure that Arlington Street Church continues to serve our city as a beacon



of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!
Merry Christmas!

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

OFFERTORY

Miracle *Matisyahu* (b. 1979)
arrangement: *Chad Weirick*

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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

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

Silent night, holy night,
Son of G*d, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

*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, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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

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

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Tonight's singers are the BGMC Carolers. They represent about 10% of the entire membership of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus.