



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

PRELUDE

The Christmas Waltz (1954)..... *Jule Styne* (1905–1994)  
Suo Gân..... *Traditional Welsh Lullaby* (c. 1800)  
In the Bleak Midwinter (1906)..... *Gustav Holst* (1874–1934)  
Somewhere in My Memory (1990), from *Home Alone*..... *John Williams* (b. 1932)  
Troika (1934)..... *Sergei Prokofiev* (1891–1953)  
It Happened in Sun Valley (1941)..... *Harry Warren* (1893–1981)  
Sleigh Ride (1950)..... *Leroy Anderson* (1908–1975)  
Christmas Time Is Here..... *Vince Guaraldi* (1928–1976)

Joe Della Penna, Jazz Artist in Residence, piano

\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful ..... music & text attributed: *John Francis Wade* (1711–1786)  
Hyunju Jung, organ

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.

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

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.

## WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

**INTROIT**..... Boston Gay Men's Chorus  
Welcome Christmas ..... text: *Dr. Seuss* (1904–1991)  
from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*                      music: *Albert Hague* (1920–2001)  
   arrangement: *Chad Weirick* (b. 1961)  
  
Courtney Furno, conductor

**GREETINGS**..... Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

## ANTHEM

Obe Se Je (Here Comes the King) ..... *Nigerian Folk Song*  
   arrangement: *Nitanju Bolade Casel & Christopher Aspaas*  
Mark David Buckles, djembe

## READING

Luke 2: 1–20 ..... Rev. Beth Robbins

## CANTICLE

Love Is Christmas ..... *Sara Bareilles* (b. 1979)  
   arrangement: *Chad Weirick* (b. 1961)

I don't care if the house is packed  
Or the strings of light are broken  
I don't care if the gifts are wrapped  
Or there's nothing here to open

I don't care if the carpet's stained  
We've got food upon our table  
I don't care if it's gonna rain  
Our little room is warm and stable

Love is not a toy, and no paper  
will conceal it  
Love is simply joy that I'm home

Love is who we are,  
And no season can contain it  
Love would never fall for that

Let love lead us, love is Christmas

Love I look to you, and I sing

Why so scared that you'll mess it up  
When perfection keeps you haunted?  
All we need is your best my love,  
That's all anyone ever wanted  
Love is how we do, let no judgment  
overrule it

Let love lead us, love is Christmas  
Let love lead us, love is Christmas

Love is Christmas

### SERMON

Joy! ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

### ANTHEM

Sisi Ni Moja (We Are One) ..... *Jacob Narverud* (b. 1986)

We all laugh  
We all cry  
We all feel hunger  
We all feel pain  
We all love  
We all hate  
We all hope  
And we all dream

We are one world, one people  
And we all breathe the same  
A tribe of many languages  
A group of many heartaches  
Fighting for peace among the land  
Sisi ni moja, we are one

We all want  
We all need  
We all seek passion  
We all seek joy

We all bruise  
We all scar  
We all fail  
But learn to thrive

We are one world, one people  
And we all breathe the same  
In the darkness of the night  
And in the glory of the morning  
We walk along the path  
and find our way  
Sisi ni moja, we are one

Now we stand here together  
And lift our hearts in song  
To the rhythm of this moment  
in our lives


Sisi ni moja, we are one

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In the spirit of the season, please consider making a special gift tonight. Your generosity will support our partnership with Ágora Cultural Architects and the rededication of this building as a community hub of arts and culture. Thank you for helping make critical upgrades to ensure our historic building is safe and welcoming for all!

Members of Arlington Street’s governing board have seeded the Christmas offering with generous leadership gifts. Rev. Beth and Rev. Kim have both given \$500. Your contribution of any amount will be deeply appreciated.

*Merry Christmas!*



### WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC)
3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
4. Text the word “GIVE” to (617) 300-0509
5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

*Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!*

## OFFERTORY

The Christmas Song ..... text: *Robert Wells* (1922–1998)  
music: *Mel Tormé* (1925–1999)  
Joe Della Penna, Jazz Artist in Residence, piano and vocals

## CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

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.

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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

We have cleared off the table, leftovers saved  
Washed the dishes and put them away  
I've told you a story and tucked you in tight  
At the end of your knockabout day  
As the moon sets its sails to carry you to sleep  
Over the midnight sea  
I will sing you a song no one sang to me  
May it keep you good company

You can be anybody you want to be  
You can love whomever you will  
You can travel any country where your heart leads  
And know I will love you still  
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around  
You can choose one special one  
And the only measure of your words and your deeds  
Will be the love you leave behind when you're done

Some children grow up strong and bold  
While some are quiet and kind  
Some race on ahead, some take it slow  
Some go in their own way and time  
Some women love women, some men love men  
Some leave every label behind  
You can dream all the day never reaching the end  
Of everything possible you'll find

Don't be rattled by names, by taunts, by games  
But seek out spirits true  
If you give your friends the best part of yourself  
They will give the same back to you  
You can be anybody you want to be  
You can love whomever you will  
You can travel any country where your heart leads  
And know I will love you still

You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around  
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## POSTLUDE

Fugue on Adeste Fideles ..... *Stanley Saxton* (1904–2002)  
Rodger Clinton Vine, Artist in Residence, organ



*\* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,  
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G\*d's name.*

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## WELCOME TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

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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. We hope you'll stay connected by signing up at  
[tinyurl.com/eNewsASC](http://tinyurl.com/eNewsASC) and come back again soon!

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## YOU ARE INVITED: SPRING BLING FLING!

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Don't miss Arlington Street's spring gala supporting the restoration  
of our beloved spiritual home. On the evening of **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**,  
plan to show up in your most sparkling attire for an evening of music and dance,  
food and drink, auction items, and lots more!

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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As we gather this evening, we acknowledge that Arlington Street Church  
occupies the ancestral homeland of the Massachuset.  
By making this land acknowledgement, we recognize, honor, and affirm  
the sovereignty of all first nations people.

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## SPECIAL THANKS

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Boston Gay Men's Chorus  
Reuben Reynolds, Conductor  
Courtney Furno, Assistant Conductor

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music  
Hyunju Jung, Collaborative Pianist and Organist  
Joe Della Penna, Jazz Artist in Residence  
Rodger Clinton Vine, Organist in Residence

Art Nava, Kem Morehead, Kevin Tyrrell, Michael Fisher, and Rich Abreu,  
tonight's extraordinary Tech Team

Philip Roberts, Bill Briggs, Queen Cheryl, and their team of ushers and greeters

Liz Teixeira, Treasurer

Rev. George Whitehouse, Doc Kinne, and the bell ringers

Robert Holley, for creating the exquisite sanctuary decorations

Kevin Tyrrell, Elf Jefe, and a host of elves for "bringing in the greens"

Jon Andersen-Miller, Darrell Waters, and Queen Cheryl for beautification

Bruce Dallaire and Tom Anderson for mailing 348 candles to our Zoomers!

Lois Hartsough for above-and-beyond volunteer service in the church office

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

*You, for your radiant presence here tonight!*