

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2022

5:00 PM

PRELUDE

Selection of Christmas Favorites arrangement: *Joe Della Penna*

Joe Della Penna, piano

INTROIT Arlington Street Church Choir

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing text: *Rev. Charles Wesley* (1707 – 1788)

adaptation: *Rev. George Whitefield* (1714 – 1770)

music: *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809 – 1847)

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born king
Peace on earth and mercy mild
G*d and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing
“Glory to the new-born king!”

***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.

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 Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister
Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

CHALICE LIGHTING Zoe Arcuri & Lucy Humphrey
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***CAROL**

Go Tell It on the Mountain *Traditional African American Spiritual*

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

Julie Metcalf, violin

Hyunju Jung, piano

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,

Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the baby's birth.

Chorus

Down in a lowly manger the humble babe was born,

And G*d sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

CELEBRATING THE CHILDREN

All children are invited to come to the front

A Visit from St. Nicholas *Clement Clarke Moore (1779 – 1863)*

... *with a guest appearance by Queen Cheryl Claus*

READING

Luke 2:1 – 20

CANTICLE

O Holy Night text: *Placide Cappeau (1808 – 1877)*

translation: *John S. Dwight (1685 – 1759)*

music: *Adolphe C. Adam (1803 – 1856)*

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

Hyunju Jung, piano

SERMON

Joyful and Triumphant Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Winter Song *Sara Bareilles* (b. 1979) & *Ingrid Michaelson* (b. 1979)

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

This is my winter song to you
The storm is coming soon
It rolls in from the sea
My voice: a beacon in the night
My words will be your light
To carry you to me

Is love alive?
Is love alive?
Is love alive?

They say that things just cannot grow
Beneath the winter snow
Or so I have been told
They say we're buried far
Just like a distant star
I simply cannot hold

Is love alive?
Is love alive?
Is love alive?

This is my winter song
December never felt so wrong
'Cause you're not where you belong
Inside my arms

I still believe in summer days
The seasons always change
And life will find a way
I'll be your harvester of light
And send it out tonight
So we can start again

Is love alive?
Is love alive?
Is love alive?

This is my winter song
December never felt so wrong
Because you're not where you belong
Inside my arms

This is my winter song to you
The storm is coming soon
It rolls in from the sea
My love: a beacon in the night
My words will be your light
To carry you to me

Is love alive? Is love alive?
Is love alive? Is love alive?
Love is alive, love is alive...
Love is alive, love is alive...

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In the spirit of the season, please consider making a special gift tonight. Members of the Prudential Committee, 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, ensuring that Arlington Street Church continues to thrive in these extraordinary times. Thank you for your generosity! *Merry Christmas!*

Ways to Give



1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
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4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church
351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

OFFERTORY

Christmas Time Is Here *Vince Guaraldi* (1928 – 1976)
Joe Della Penna, piano

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, and
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**

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

RECESSIONAL

We Wish You a Merry Christmas *Traditional 16th Century English Carol*

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to wherever you are.
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 *J.S. Bach* (1685 – 1750)
Rodger Clinton Vine, 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*

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. We hope you'll come back again soon!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

SPECIAL THANKS

Arlington Street Church Choir
Mark David Buckles, Director of Music
Rodger Clinton Vine, Organist in Residence
Hyunju Jung, Collaborative Pianist and Organist
Julie Metcalf, Violin
Joe Della Penna, Jazz Artist in Residence

Tech Team
Art Nava, Frank Lee, Kem Morehead, Kevin Tyrrell,
Michael Fisher, Rich Abreu, Sandy Dixon

Queen Cheryl Claus and Kevin Tyrrell
and their team of ushers and greeters

Liz Teixeira, Treasurer

Robert Holley, for creating the exquisite sanctuary decorations
Kevin (Elf Jefe) Tyrrell and a host of elves for "bringing in the greens"

Rev. George Whitehouse and the team of bell ringers
Jon Andersen-Miller, Darrell Waters, and Queen Cheryl for beautification
Judy Chambliss and Queen Cheryl for preparing tonight's candles
Bruce Dallaire & Tom Anderson for mailing candles to our Zoomers

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

You, for your radiant presence here this evening!