



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2022



Dearly Beloved,

We had a lovely time at the holiday tree lighting on Thursday evening. Even more magical than the simultaneous illumination of the giant Christmas tree and the trees on the Boston Common and Public Garden was seeing Vivi (up on daddy Jayson's shoulders) lay eyes on Santa Claus!

This Sunday's service opens with Love is the Spirit, Director of Music Mark David Buckles' setting of our Affirmation and Covenant. The Arlington Street Choir sings Ola Gjeilo's setting of *Ubi Caritas*, a text attributed to Paulinus II of Aquileia, who lived in the eighth century. Honoring the life of Fleetwood Mac's Christine McVie, soprano Hannah Shanefield will sing *Songbird*. And we'll all sing *Deck the Hall* and *Try a Little Kindness* (get ready for it: [here's Glen Campbell's version!](#)). My sermon is called *Enlightenment to Follow*.

Arlington Street's Robert Holley spent many months up to his ankles in glitter, creating by hand our gorgeous Christmas decorations. Thanks to Robert and to Elf Jefe and his elves — Art, Darrell, John, Philip, Sophie, and Wendy — the sanctuary has been transformed for the holiday season! Let every heart prepare!

Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim

p.s. Elf Jefe (aka Kevin Tyrrell) is seeking a few more elves to usher on Christmas Eve. Our services — hybrid for the first time! — are at 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00. If welcoming our guests is a way you'd like to serve, please write to Kevin at ushers@ASCBoston.org or speak with me on Sunday! *Thank you!*



Darrell, Hala, and Jen at the Human Rights Campaign gala