Today

Coffee Hour

PARISH HALL, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Let's gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community! If you're visiting Arlington Street Church, or would like more information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table. All are welcome!

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group (ages 18 - 35) meets after the Sunday service for lunch in the Stage Right Room. You can purchase food from the Sandwich Board during Coffee Hour, or bring your own food. The Stage Right Room is the first room on your left after going down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

The Young Adult Group also meets two Fridays per month at 7 pm in the Perkins Room (downstairs next to the kitchen) for activities, food, and worship. All young adults are welcome!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

"We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all."

This is the sixth of the seven principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism that our congregations covenant to affirm and promote. To read all seven, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please see the Our Faith brochure in the pew rack.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children's Religious Education program, please contact the church office.

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.

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."

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church. The members are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Doug Fiero (vice chair), Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (chair), Karl Paulnack, Bob Sessions, and Mickey Randazza. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Rob Cotta (vice moderator), Mark MacDonnell (treasurer), Mark Watanabe (council chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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At Your Service...

- * If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance
- ... any usher will be happy to help!

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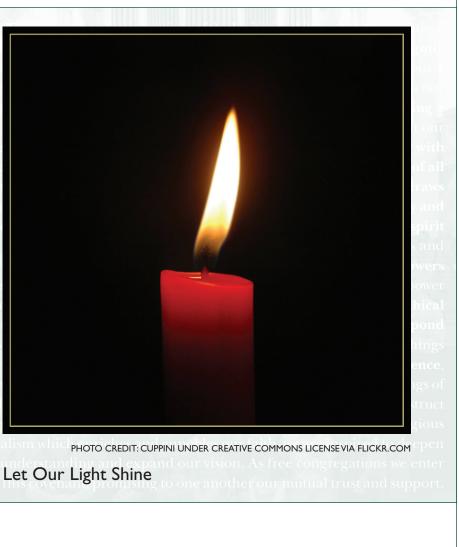
Choir Section Leaders Valerie Estle, soprano Julia Mintzer, alto Daniel Ross, tenor I. Jacob Krause, baritone

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29^{TH} , 2009 Welcoming the Advent Season



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PRELUDE

Selections from *Maurice Ravel* (1875 - 1937)*Mother Goose Suite* (for Piano Four Hands) Amy Lynne Menard and Mark David Buckles, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

November Alleluia Mark David Buckles (b. 1980) Amy Lynne Menard (b. 1980)

CHALICE LIGHTING "The Darkling Thrush," by Thomas Hardy Rob Cotta

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, PULPIT EDITORIAL, AND **GREETINGS**

*Hymn 1

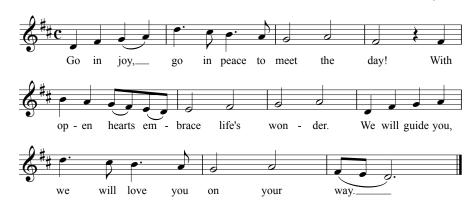
May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Go In Joy

text: Barbara Pescan music: Bart Bradfield



The children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick DuPree. All children are welcome!

Lois Hartsough **COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY**

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the

congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, and clicking on "Worship."

Spirit Of Life (Hymn 123)

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí. Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the Y al corazón, cántale stirrings of compassion. tu compasión. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; Sopla al volar, sube en la mar; Hasta moldear la justicia Move in the hand, giving life de la vida. the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings Arráigame, libérame, set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí. come to me.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu of this congregation, de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Y el servicio es nuestro regalo. This is our great covenant: Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos: To dwell together in peace, Convivir en paz, To speak our truths in love, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, And to help one another. Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn 83

Winds Be Still

Homily	Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek
Welcoming Darkness, Remembering Light	
(Welcoming justice, mercy, and peace)	
Нумл 55 Dark of Winter	

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 15th Century Franciscan Chant arr. Buckles/Menard

Amy Lynne Menard, viola/vocals; Mark David Buckles, guitar/vocals

OFFERTORY

*Hymn 118

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (sung twice; please join us!) When You Walk From Here text: Linnea Good music: Tom Witt, arr. Buckles When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

***Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice**

POSTLUDE

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

Kickin' The Clouds Away George Gershwin (1898 - 1937)

This Little Light of Mine

For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher (1786 – 1872) arr. Buckles/Menard

Amy Lynne Menard and Mark David Buckles, organ

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

Service is Our Gift

Dan Moon, Lead Usher Desmond Ravenstone, Lead Worship Coordinator Linda Evans, Lead Greeter Lois Hartsough, Candles Coordinator Mark MacDonnell, Treasurer Rob Cotta, Prudential Committee

