

Coffee Hour

Parish Hall, immediately following the worship service
Let's gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community!

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.

Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters

There will be a short informational meeting in the sanctuary at 12:30 PM.

Rodger Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel
Arlington Street's Artist-in-Residence, Rodger Vine, presents a brief concert of Christmas music for the piano, followed immediately for our 3rd Annual Carol Sing!

3rd Annual Carol Sing!

1:15 PM, Hunnewell Chapel
FREE, Donations Gratefully Accepted
Join Arlington Street's musicians for our third annual old-fashioned Christmas carol sing! Mark David Buckles, Director of Music, and the Arlington Street Choir will lead us in seasonal favorites, from *Jingle Bells* to *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*. Hot chocolate, tea, cookies, and fruit to follow!

Black Nativity

3:30 PM, Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont Street, Boston
Join with members and friends of Arlington Street Church at this performance of "Black Nativity." "Black Nativity" tells the original story of the Nativity in scripture, verse, music, and dance. The story is based on the Gospel of St. Luke, combined with the poetry of Langston Hughes. For ticket information, visit the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour.

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!

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).

Directory

Ministry

- Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Sr. Minister
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yesyvonne@ASCBoston.org, ext 18
- Seanan Holland, Military Chaplain Intern
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- Rev. George G. Whitehouse, Minister at Large
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- Rev. Eugene B. Navias, Assoc. Min. Emeritus

Music

- Mark David Buckles, Director of Music
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- Molly Wood, Collaborative Pianist
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Choir Section Leaders

- Valerie Estle, soprano
- Julia Mintzer, alto
- Daniel Ross, tenor
- J. Jacob Krause, baritone, Assistant Conductor

Program

- Erick DuPree, Religious Educator
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NB: To reach any staff member by phone, dial 617-536-7050. When prompted, enter *8 and then their extension.

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2009
LESSONS & CAROLS:
A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

The living tradition we share draws from many sources including direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life.

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PRELUDE

Double Concerto in C minor J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)
BWV 1060
Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute; Molly Wood, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Virgin text: Henry David Thoreau (1817 – 1862)
music: Derek Healey (b. 1936)
Laura Heinrichs, flute; Alistair Kok, violin

CHALICE LIGHTING

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CANTICLE

Mary, Did You Know? Erick DuPree
text: Mark Lowry
music: Buddy Greene

CAROL

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer text: Robert May (1905 – 1976)
music: Johnny Marks (1909 – 1985)

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him,
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.

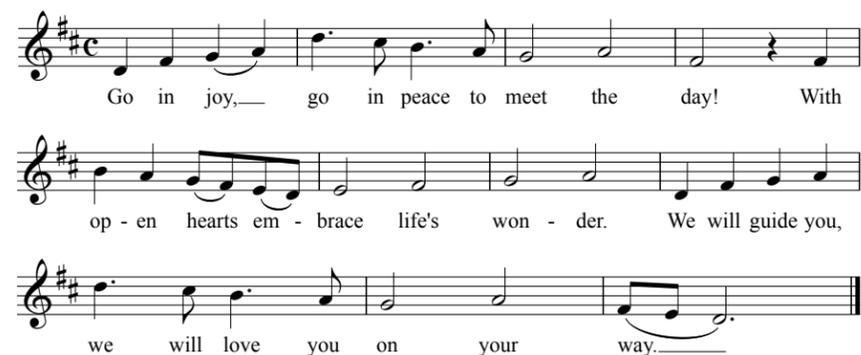
Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say:
“Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”

Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you’ll go down in history!



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!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY John Markham O’Connor

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.”

There Will Be a Light Ben Harper (b. 1969), arr. Buckles
Valerie Estle, soprano; Daniel Ross, tenor

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this congregation, And service is our gift. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, To speak our truths in love, And to help one another.	El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación Y el servicio es nuestro regalo. Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos: Convivir en paz, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.
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CAROL 246

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LESSON

A Holy Family Mark David Buckles
Rev. David S. Blanchard

CAROL 244

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

LESSON

The Christians and the Pagans Seanan Holland
Dar Williams (b. 1967)

CAROL 235

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

LESSON

Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejek
Maya Angelou (b. 1928)

ANTHEM

The First Noel/Pachelbel’s Canon trad. English Carol and
Johann Pachelbel (1652 – 1706)
arr. Michael Clawson

Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute

LESSON

Gifts Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

Winter Solstice Meditation Seanan Holland
Rev. Christine C. Robinson

ANTHEM

The appearance of the angels, from *Messiah* text: Luke 2:8-14
music: G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

Pifa (Pastoral Symphony)
Recitative: There Were Shepherds abiding in the field
Arioso: And Lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them
Recitative: And the angel said unto them, Fear not
Arioso: And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude
Chorus: Glory to God

Valerie Estle, soprano; Molly Wood, piano

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.

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu, from *Requiem* Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)
Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute; Molly Wood, piano

CAROL 231

Angels We Have Heard on High

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Wish You a Merry Christmas (Please join us!)
trad. 16th century English Carol
We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)
and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

POSTLUDE

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow! Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne
Molly Wood, piano

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

Service is Our Gift

Art Nava , Lead Greeter
Carol Fisher, Assitant Treasurer
Ellen Spencer, Lead Usher and Assitant Treasurer
John Markham O’Connor, Candles Coordinator
Todd Rinehart, Lead Worship Coordinator