

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – DECEMBER 11, 2011

Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
- I/we have been attending ASC for _____
- I/we would like a permanent nametag(s) for Sunday worship. (Nametags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with bi-weekly highlights of our community.

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail Phone E-mail No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
- Social Action Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education Young Adult Group
- Other _____

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

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!

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes
Candles Coordinator, Harlow Robinson
Lead Greeter, Nancy Perna
Lead Usher, Greg Haig
Worship Coordinator, Desmond Ravenstone

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“Unitarian Universalism affirms and promotes: “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

This is the seventh principle of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all seven principles, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE MEMBERS ARE:

*Art Nava & Deb Pontes (co-chairs) / Carmen Griggs
Richard Marshall / Shane McBride / Karl Paulnack
Ellen Payzant / Harlow Robinson / Bob Sessions*

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

*Dan Moon (council chair) / Samuel Gloyd &
Diana Miller (co-moderators) / David McClain
(clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs in the Perkins Room for CRE. There is an adjacent toddler room for parents with children ages 1-5. Fussy babies and their parents are invited to the Nursery just off the Hunnewell Chapel, where a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

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.”

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Jonathan Price, tenor
J. Jacob Krause, baritone, Assistant Conductor

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**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2011

ADVENT 3 ~ JOY

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM
PROMOTES SEVEN PRINCIPLES.**

OUR SEVENTH PRINCIPLE:

*Respect for the interdependent
web of all existence of which
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Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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PRELUDE

Five Anniversaries *Leonard Bernstein* (1918-1990)
Molly Wood, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Third Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Jonathan Price, tenor; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

We believe in acceptance of one another and encouragement
of spiritual growth. Amen

CHALICE LIGHTING

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Let There be Joy *Carl Seaburg*

*HYMN

Frosty the Snowman *Steve "Jack" Rollins & Steve Nelson*

Frosty the snowman
was a jolly happy soul,
With a corncob pipe
and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty the snowman
is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow
but the children know
How he came to life one day.

There must have been
some magic in that
Old silk hat they found.
For when they placed it
on his head
He began to dance around.

O, Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be,
And the children say
he could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me.

Thumpety thump thump,
Thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpety thump thump,
Thumpety thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.

Frosty the snowman
Knew the sun was hot that day,
So he said, "Let's run
and we'll have some fun now
Before I melt away."

Down to the village,
With a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there
All around the square
Saying, "Catch me if you can."

He led them down
the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop.
And he only paused
a moment when
He heard him holler, "Stop!"
For Frosty the snow man
Had to hurry on his way,
But he waved goodbye,
saying "Don't you cry,
I'll be back again some day."

Thumpety thump thump,
Thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpety thump thump,
Thumpety thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.

STORY FOR ALL AGES *Laura Evonne Steinman*
The Mitten Tree *Candace Christiansen*

DECORATING THE MITTEN TREE

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree *Johnny Marks* (1909-1985)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*
music: *Bart Bradfield*

Go in joy,— go in peace to meet the day! With
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

*During the Children's Blessing, all children are
always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!*

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & 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,
by clicking on "Worship."

Some of us pray with our words, some of us pray through our
actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe
our connection to the divine and one another. As you feel called,
please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
text: *African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page*
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Drone We pray We

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.

*HYMN 225

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

HOMILY

Cold, Dark, and Happy Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Here We Come A-Caroling *Traditional English Carol* (c. 1850)
arr. *Brant Adams* (b. 1955)

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

Esurientes Implevit Bonis, from *Magnificat*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Jonathan Price, tenor

*HYMN 29

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

***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.

POSTLUDE

Sleigh Ride *Leroy Anderson* (1908-1975)
Molly Wood, piano

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

TODAY – December 11th, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today is Mitten Tree Sunday! We will hear the story of The Mitten
Tree, and decorate the tree with the scarves we created last week.
Then we'll make our own cards to sell in the Parish Hall today, to
benefit the Friday Night Supper Program. We'll also begin to create
props for our 5:00 Christmas Eve extravaganza!

This afternoon at 1:00, let's all go with our families to the Carol
Sing in the chapel!