# Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! There is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

CRE Group	Pre-K (2- 5yrs)	Spirit Play (K-2nd grade)	UU Super Heroes (3rd-5th grade)	Coming of Age (COA) (6th-8th grade)	Youth Group (8th-12th grade)
Location	Hunnewell Chapel	Perkins Room	Carol Smith Room	Carol Smith Room	Sanctuary

CRE groups begin with the sharing of sorrows and joys and then all will join together to finish making scarves and holiday bags for the Friday Night Supper Program guests.

Note: Next Sunday is the annual Lessons and Carols Service followed by a holiday party in the Parish Hall with gingerbread house making, a hot chocolate bar, gift wrapping, and more!

# Share the Plate: December

The bounty of this month's Share the Plate will be given to our own Friday Night Supper Program as well as our sister congregation in Dorchester, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, for their holiday outreach. Friday Night Supper Program will be providing a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests. Bethel will be hosting the annual holiday party for the children and families in their neighborhood who would otherwise be without Christmas gifts. Throughout the winter, both organizations will provide hot meals and outerwear to these most vulnerable populations. Thank you for your generosity!

# Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Art Nava Candles Chaplain, Art Judge Lead Greeter, David Scanlon Lead Usher, Mike Cournoyer Worship Coordinator, Beth Robbins Assistant Treasurers, Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes

# At Your Service:

- \* If you would like a large print order of service or hymnal or a Braille hymnal
- \* 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!

# Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

# Our Unitarian Universalist Faith

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

# **CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

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

## THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

**Parish Ministers** 

**Community Ministers** 

Dr. Arthur Judge

**Rev. Clyde Grubbs** 

**Rev. Joanna Lubkin** 

Rev. Vera O'Brian

**Intern Ministers** 

Liz Weber

Erica Rose Long

**Rev. Fred Small** 

Tina Rose (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice chair) Dave Erbe / Lois Hartsough / Al Ingram / Eve Lauria / Art Nava / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:Art Nava (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse(co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

# 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.

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

Hospital Chaplain, retired

Interim Minister, Cambridge

Minister for Climate Justice

Chaplain, Wellesley College

Massachusetts General Hospital

UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts

Rev. George G. Whitehouse Minister at Large

Chaplain, Brigham and Women's Hospital

#### 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 for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

#### ALLELUIA!

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

#### 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."

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

Linli Wang, Organist and Pianist

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

**Children's Religious Education** 

Jaimie Dingus, CRE Assistant

Adam Berman, Bookkeeper

Laurinda O'Connor, Publications

Brad Nobles, Sexton

Laura Evonne Steinman, CRE Director and

Jeffrey Bouchard, Congregational Administrator

**Choir Section Leaders** 

Lawson Daves, bass

Artist in Residence

Administration

Julie Gregorio, soprano

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# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Advent 3: Joy 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mitten Tree Sunday!

# 7 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

The inherent WORTH and DIGNITY of every being

USTICE, EQUITY, and COMPASSION in all relations

CCEPTANCE of one another and encouragment of SPIRITUAL GROWTH

free and responsible search for TRUTH and MEANING

e right of CONSCIENCE and the use of the DEMOCRATIC process

e goal of world community with PEACE, LIBERTY, and JUSTICE for all

ESPECT for the INTERDEPENDENT WEB of which we are a part

Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729 Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

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 end of greetings.

# PRELUDE

Solstice d'été	Dirk Maassen (b. 1970)
	piano transcription: Carlos Márquez (b. 1985)
Winter Peace	Jim Brickman (b. 1961)
I Saw the Path of Angel	s David Lanz (b. 1950)
Linli Wang, piano	

# WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Bearing Witness at Standing Rock ...... Rev. Fred Small The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

## INTROIT

There Will Be A Light ...... Ben Harper (b. 1969) choral arrangement & additional lyrics: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

# LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 3: JOY

Joy ..... Lois Hartsough and Ted Rudinsky

## \*HYMN 226

People, Look East

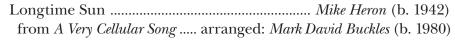
# **DRESSING THE MITTEN TREE**

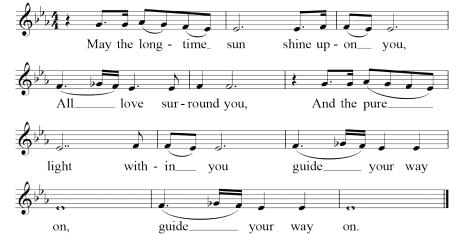
Laura Evonne Steinman and Jaimie Dingus Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree ......... Johnny Marks (1909 - 1985) 

piano arrangement: Vince Guaraldi (1928 - 1976) Joe Della Penna, piano and vocals

All are welcome to bring their gifts to the Mitten Tree!

# CHILDREN'S BLESSING





At this time, all children are welcome to join the Children's Religious Education program!

# **COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY**

Sanctuary ...... John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953) text adapted: Crawford Harvie/Buckles music arranged: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Open my heart to be a sanctuary All made holy, loved and true With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you

# **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 241

In the Bleak Midwinter

Joanna Lubkin, vocals; Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

#### **SERMON**

Come Darkness ...... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

# SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

# ANTHEM

Personent Hodie ...... Traditional 14th century Latin carol choral arrangement: Alice Parker (b. 1925)

This piece celebrates the Christian story of Jesus' birth. Christianity is one of the many sources of the Unitarian Universalist faith, which we honor in this season.

Let resound today the voices of children, joyfully praising Him who is born to us, given by most high God, and conceived by the Virgin Mary. and offer him gold, frankincense,

He was born into the world, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger in a stable for animals, the master of the heavens. The prince of Hell has lost his spoils.

Three Magi came, they were bearing gifts, and sought the little one, following a star, to worship him, and myrrh.

Let all priests just like the boys sing like angels: "You have come to the world, I pour out praises to you. Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"



**OFFERTORY** When Blossoms Flowered 'Midst the Snows ..... Pietro Yon (1886 - 1943) "Gesu Bambino" translation: Frederick H. Martens (1874 - 1932) Julie Gregorio, soprano; Larry Gregorio, guitar

# **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

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In the light...
In the dark...
We begin...
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# Chorus Showing love

Giving hope

# \*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

**\*RECESSIONAL** (sung twice; please join in!)

# Postlude

Violin Concerto No. 4 in F minor Op. 8, RV 297 "Winter" from The Four Seasons ...... Antonio Vivaldi (1678 - 1741) I. Allegro non molto

# **OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the



larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code Thank you for your stewardship and support! GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code.

Better Days ...... Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow choral arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980) Julie Metcalf, violin; Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Let us sing for today Let us learn better ways We create better days

When You Walk From Here ..... text: Linnea Good music: Tom Witt, arranged: Mark David Buckles When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

> piano transcription: Benjamin Gabbay (b. 1995) Linli Wang, piano

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