

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – DECEMBER 16, 2012

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 name tag(s) for Sunday worship. (Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with biweekly 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 & Connections (ASC's small group ministry)
- Young Adult Group Other _____

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

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Susie Nacco and Ellen Spencer
Candles Coordinator, Harlow Robinson
Lead Greeter, Dennis Haley
Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer
Worship Coordinator, Desmond Ravenstone
Pointsettias, Mickey Randazza and Polly Latham
Actor (playing herself), Carol Fisher

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 MEMBERS ARE:

Art Nava (chair) / Shane McBride (vice-chair)
Christine Curtiss / Greg Haig / Richard Marshall
Dan Moon / Deb Pontes / Ellen Payzant
Harlow Robinson

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Samuel Gloyd & Karl Paulnack (co-moderators)
David McClain (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)

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.

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.

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."

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**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2012

Advent 3 ~ Joy

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM
DRAWS FROM MANY SOURCES**

OUR SIXTH SOURCE

Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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PRELUDE

Thema und Zwei Variationen W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Molly Wood, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hymn 241, In the Bleak Midwinter
Mark David Buckles, guitar & vocals; Joanna Lubkin, vocals

CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie
Hymn to the Nameless One Dorothy Walters

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Joy Catie Scudera, Intern Minister

*HYMN 235

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

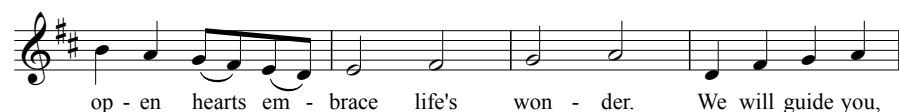
STORIES IN THE SANCTUARY Laura Evonne Steinman
The (Urban) Mitten Tree Candace Christiansen
adapted: Laura Evonne Steinman

DECORATING THE MITTEN TREE

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree Johnny Marks (1909-1985)
Molly Wood, piano

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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



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

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 words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to 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; Julie Gregorio, soprano



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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*HYMN 55

Dark of Winter

SERMON

Turning Toward the Light Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Better Days Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow
arr: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

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

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella Trad., arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
Julie Gregorio, soprano; Molly Wood, piano

*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine

*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

Caroling, Caroling Ovid Young (b. 1970)
Molly Wood, piano

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

TODAY in CRE

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today is mitten tree Sunday and we'll make fleece scarves and write notes for our guests in the Friday Night Supper Program.

The youth group will meet after the service to make their holiday decorations for the Friday Night Supper guests.