

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2014

CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT

7:00 AND 9:00 PM

PRELUDE

Offertoire sur Deux Noels *Alexandre Guilmant* (1837-1911)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. *Sir David Willcocks* (b. 1919)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and adore Him,

Born the King of angels;

O come let us adore Him...

Christ the Lord.

Lo, humble shepherds, hast'ning to His cradle,

Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.

We, too, with gladness,

Thither bend our footsteps;

O come let us adore Him...

Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

'Glory to God!

Glory in the Highest!'

O come let us adore Him...

Christ the Lord.

INTROIT Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Mark David Buckles, Conductor

Deck the Hall *Traditional Welsh Carol*, arr. *David Maddux*

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

ANTHEM

The First Noel *Traditional English Carol*, arr. *Dan Forrest* (b. 1978)

READING

Luke 2:1 - 20 7:00 PM Jamie Crawford

9:00 PM Chris Alburger

CANTICLE

The Ground *Ola Gjeilo* (b. 1978)

SERMON

The Wonder that's Keeping the Stars Apart

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

A Prayer For Peace arr. *Chad Weirick*

Based on "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

by *Jill Miller* (1913-1995) and *Sy Miller* (1908-1971), arr. *Hawley Ades*
and the African American Spiritual "There is a Balm in Gilead"

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

It's the most wonderful time of the year ... *George Wyle* (1916-2003)

arr. by *Tom Roed*

Winter Wonderland *Felix Bernard* (1897-1944)

arr. by *Tom Roed*

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

ANTHEM

New Year's Carol text: *Charles Anthony Silvestri* (b. 1965)

music: *Ola Gjeilo* (b. 1978)

CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY AND CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent Night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace...

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the savior is born...

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, lord at thy birth...

***CAROL**

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing...

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!
let hearts their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy...

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and make the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love...

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Everything Possible *Rev. Fred Small* (b.1952)
arr. *Willi Zwozdesky* (b. 1955)

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Mendelssohn (Hark! the Herald Angels Sing)
Sir David Willcocks (b. 1919)
Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

WELCOME, VISITORS

Thank you for coming this evening! We invite you to return on Sunday mornings at 11:00 for a wonderful hour—the Soul of Sunday. We gather for beautiful music, singing and silence, sharing candles of sorrow and joy, and a sermon from Rev. Kim. We also have a vibrant Children’s Religious Education program that meets during the service. Arlington Street is home to spiritual seekers of many diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. You are truly welcome in this beloved spiritual community!

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Bay Windows

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

Ushers ~ Michael Fisher and Kevin Tyrrell (lead); Queen Cheryl Thieret; Greg Haig; Jennifer Britt; Jim McSherry; Stephen Batchelder; Patrick Langone; Alan Helms; Stephen Vorenberg and Kerry Marshall; Vikie Henry; David Janero and Jeffrey Thomson; Dave Dagg and Stacey Sacks; Jess and Allie Dagg; Rich Abreu and Art Nava (lead); and all our ushers

Assistant Treasurers ~ Gail Jennes and Alma Antoniotti; Paul Babbitt; Dave Erbe; Carol Fisher; Nancy George; Dennis Haley; Philip Roberts; Scott Schroeder; Ellen Spencer; and our Treasurer, Susie Nacco

Polly Latham, Mickey Randazza, and Martin Anderson
for the pointsettias and beautiful greenery

The exquisite wreath on the pulpit was given by David Schumann in loving memory of his father, Robert Schumann. Bob was an inveterate progressive and generous champion of the environment, with a special passion for songbirds (come find them in the wreath!). He left the world a far better place, and is surely here with us in spirit.

YOU, for your radiant presence here this evening!

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

Please take a moment to complete this card and drop it into the offering plate, so that we may welcome you more fully!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

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

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
 I/we have been attending ASC for _____
 How did you hear about Arlington Street?

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 _____