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)

 \Box I/we are visiting for the first time.

 \Box 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 _____

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:

Alex Frost (chair) / Greg Haig (vice-chair) Christine Curtiss / Dave Erbe / Mary Marcel Kerry Marshall / Dan Moon / Tina Rose Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Tori Bell & Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators) Doc Kinne (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 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."

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Wednesday, December 24^{th} , 2014 CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT 7:00PM AND 9:00PM



And now, let us allow Christmas to overtake us in all our haste and unpreparedness and renew the miracle of love once again in our lives

W.H. Auden, Christmas Oratorio, "For the Time Being"

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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 рм Jamie Crawford
	9:00 рм Chris Alburger

CANTICLE

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

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Mendelssohn (Hark! the Herald Angels Sing) Sir David Willcocks (b. 1919)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

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!

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...

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

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

WELCOME, VISITORS

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!