

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLELIGHT

7:00 AND 9:00 PM

PRELUDE

A Christmas Prelude *Nancy Plummer Faxon* (1914 - 2015)
In Dulci Jubilo *Marcel Dupre* (1886 - 1971)
The Holy Boy *John Ireland* (1879 - 1962)
Reflections on the Nativity *John Carter* (b. 1930)
Prelude on Joy to the World *G. F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)
arr. *Raymond Haan* (b. 1938)
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809 - 1847)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. *Sir David Willcocks* (1919 - 2015)
music and text attributed: *John Francis Wade* (1711 – 1786)

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 (x3)
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 (x3)
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 (x3)
Christ the Lord.

INTROIT Boston Gay Men's Chorus
In Dulci Jubilo *14th century German Carol*
arr. *Karl Jenkins* (b. 1944)
Reuben M. Reynolds III, conductor

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

ANTHEM

Son of Maria *Traditional Spanish*, arr. *Karl Jenkins* (b. 1944)

READING

Luke 2:1 - 20 7:00 PM Jamie Crawford
9:00 PM Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

CANTICLE

Still, Still, Still *19th century Austrian Carol*
arranged: *Barlow Bradford*

SERMON

Come Love to This World Tonight Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

A Christmas Carol text: *George Withers* (1588 - 1677)
music: *Barlow Bradford*

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart to the spirit of the season and practice gratitude through generosity. As we collect this evening's offering, please consider making a special gift in honor of Christmas. For 286 years, the generous support of this community has allowed Arlington Street Church to be a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

Wexford Carol *Traditional Irish Christmas Carol*
arr. *Julie Metcalf/Mark David Buckles*
Julie Metcalf, fiddle; Mark David Buckles, guitar

ANTHEM

See, Amid the Winter's Snow text: *S.K. Hill*
music: *Eugene Butler* (b. 1935)
adapted: *M.E. Howarth* and *S.K. Hill*

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night text: *Josef Mohr* (1792 - 1848)
translation: *John Freeman Young* (1820 - 1885)
music: *Franz Gruber* (1787 - 1863)

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. (x2)

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the savior is born. (x2)

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. (x2)

***CAROL**

Joy to the World! text: *Isaac Watts* (1674 - 1748)
tune: *G.F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)
music: *Lowell Mason* (1792 - 1872)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing. (x3)

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!
let hearts their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy. (x3)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and make the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love. (x3)

***BENEDICTION**

The Work of Christmas *Howard Thurman* (1899 - 1981)

CHORAL RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Christmas: Carol Medley *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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

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!