

Today

Coffee Hour and Holiday Bake Sale

Parish Hall, immediately following the worship service

Let's gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community! The Sandwich Board's busy bakers will be offering great baked goods along with their normal "Soup and Sandwiches" spread. Proceeds from Sandwich Board sales add thousands of dollars to church program income so please continue to support the Sandwich Board and build community over coffee, soup, sandwiches, and desserts.

Arlington Street Cares

Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Please plan to stop by the ASCares table to join Carol Fisher and Richard Mattoli in writing cards to members and friends of the Arlington Street community who might appreciate an expression of sympathy or hope, or just a friendly greeting. All are welcome!

Gay Men's Spirituality Group New Members Orientation Brunch

Immediately following the Sunday Service

The Arlington Street Church Gay Men's Spirituality Group is a group of gay men at Arlington Street seeking to explore and promote community building and spiritual development. Those interested in joining the group are invited to brunch today with current members at a nearby restaurant. We will gather on Arlington Street sidewalk immediately following worship today.

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group (ages 18 – 35) meets after the Sunday service for lunch in the Stage Right Room. You can purchase food from the Sandwich Board during Coffee Hour, or bring your own food. The Stage Right Room is the first room on your left after going down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

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

... any usher will be happy to help!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

"We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all."

This is the sixth of the seven principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism that our congregations covenant to affirm and promote. To read all seven, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please see the Our Faith brochure in the pew rack.

ALLELUIA!

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children's Religious Education program, please contact the church office.

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.

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."

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church. The members are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Doug Fiero (vice chair), Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (chair), Karl Paulnack, Bob Sessions, and Mickey Randazza. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Rob Cotta (vice moderator), Mark MacDonnell (treasurer), Mark Watanabe (council chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2009

CHAG URIM SAMEACH! HAPPY CHANUKAH!

We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in all our relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; the right of conscience; the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and the interconnected web of all existence of which we are a part. The living tradition which we share draws from many sources, including the wisdom, mystery, and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the divine; the power of our ethical and spiritual life; Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love; the teachings of the Buddha, Lao Tzu, and Confucius which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn against the idolatry of power and the spirit of greed; and the wisdom of the earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

**The living tradition we share
draws from many sources
including words and deeds of
prophetic women and men
which challenge us to confront
powers and structures of evil
with justice, compassion, and
the transforming power of love**

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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PRELUDE

Serenade agreste a la Madone *Hector Berlioz* (1803 – 1869)
Andantino, Allegro assai, Allegro assai
Molly Wood, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Third Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
We believe in acceptance of one another and
encouragement of spiritual growth.
Daniel Ross, tenor; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

CHALICE LIGHTING Laura Evonne Steinman & Taan Shapiro
Kindling the Chanukia (a menorah for Chanukah)

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

***HYMN 167**
Nothing but Peace is Enough

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES
Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek

THE MITTEN TREE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Go In Joy *text: Barbara Pescan*
music: Bart Bradfield



Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day! With
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

The children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick DuPree. All children are welcome!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

Desmond Ravenstone, Candles Coordinator

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, and clicking on "Worship."

There Will Be a Light *Ben Harper* (b. 1969), arr. *Buckles*
Valerie Estle, soprano; Daniel Ross, tenor

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 155**
Circle 'Round for Freedom

SERMON Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie
Spirit of the Maccabees

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM Yerushalayim Shel Zahav *Naomi Shemer* (1930 – 2004)
(Oh, Jerusalem of Gold)
J. Jacob Krause, baritone

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

Piano Concerto *Dmitri Shostakovich* (1906 – 1975)
No. 2 in F Major, II. Andante (arr. *Molly Wood*)
Molly Wood, piano

***HYMN 223**

Rock of Ages, Let Our Song *trad. arr. Mark David Buckles*
Introduction – Choir
Verse 1 – Congregation
Verse 2 – Soloist
Verse 3 – Congregation
J. Jacob Krause, baritone

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hanerot Halalu *Baruch J. Cohon, arr. Blanche Chass*
We kindle these lights
for the wonders and the redemptions Thou didst perform
for our fathers through Thy holy priests.
These Chanukah lights are holy
and through them we sanctify Thy name.

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

POSTLUDE

Polka, from "L'Age d'Or" *Shostakovich*
Molly Wood, piano

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

Service is Our Gift

Alma Antioniotti, Assistant Treasurer
Desmond Ravenstone, Candles Coordinator
Gail Jennes, Assistant Treasurer
Laura Evonne Steinman, Guest CRE Teacher
Lois Hartsough, Lead Worship Coordinator
Paul Babbit, Lead Greeter
Rob Cuddi, Lead Usher
Taan Shapiro, Guest CRE Teacher

