

## Today

### Coffee Hour

Parish Hall, immediately following the worship service  
Let's gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community!

### 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.

### Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters

There will be a short informational meeting in the sanctuary at 12:30 PM.

### Rodger Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street's Artist-in-Residence, Rodger Vine, presents a brief concert of Christmas music for the piano, followed immediately for our 3rd Annual Carol Sing!

### 3rd Annual Carol Sing!

1:15 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

FREE, Donations Gratefully Accepted

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our third annual old-fashioned Christmas carol sing! Mark David Buckles, Director of Music, and the Arlington Street Choir will lead us in seasonal favorites, from *Jingle Bells* to *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*. Hot chocolate, tea, cookies, and fruit to follow!

### Black Nativity

3:30 PM, Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont Street, Boston

Join with members and friends of Arlington Street Church at this performance of "Black Nativity." "Black Nativity" tells the original story of the Nativity in scripture, verse, music, and dance. The story is based on the Gospel of St. Luke, combined with the poetry of Langston Hughes. For ticket information, visit the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour.

### 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).

### Directory

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**ARLINGTON  
STREET CHURCH**  
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

LESSONS & CAROLS:  
A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

We, member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: • The inherent worth and dignity of every person; • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth within our congregations; • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning; • The right of conscience and the use of imagination; • The right of each individual to exercise her or his own beliefs; • Acceptance of the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part; • The living tradition which we share draws from many sources including direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an opening of the heart; • Words and deeds of prophetic men and women, which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love; • Wisdom from the world's great religions; • Teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against dogmatism and superstition; • Teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred nature 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.

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Boston, Massachusetts  
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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**PRELUDE**

Double Concerto in C minor  
BWV 1060

Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute; Molly Wood, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Virgin

text: *Henry David Thoreau* (1817 – 1862)  
music: *Derek Healey* (b. 1936)

Laura Heinrichs, flute; Alistair Kok, violin

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS**

**CAROL 239**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**CANTICLE**

Mary, Did You Know?

Erick DuPree  
text: *Mark Lowry*  
music: *Buddy Greene*

**CAROL**

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer

text: *Robert May* (1905 – 1976)  
music: *Johnny Marks* (1909 – 1985)

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer  
had a very shiny nose.  
And if you ever saw him,  
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer  
used to laugh and call him names.  
They never let poor Rudolph  
join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
Santa came to say:  
“Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”

Then all the reindeer loved him  
as they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,  
you’ll go down in history!



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**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

Go In Joy

text: *Barbara Pescan*  
music: *Bart Bradfield*

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

**COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY** John Markham O'Connor

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 lo que nos comprometemos:  
Convivir en paz,  
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,  
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

**CAROL 246**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**LESSON**  
A Holy Family

Mark David Buckles  
Rev. David S. Blanchard

**CAROL 244**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**LESSON**  
The Christians and the Pagans

Seanan Holland  
Dar Williams (b. 1967)

**CAROL 235**

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

**LESSON**  
Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem

Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejek  
Maya Angelou (b. 1928)

**ANTHEM**

The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon

trad. English Carol and  
*Johann Pachelbel* (1652 – 1706)  
arr. Michael Clawson

Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute

**LESSON**

Gifts

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

Winter Solstice Meditation

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Seanan Holland

Rev. Christine C. Robinson

**ANTHEM**

The appearance of the angels, from *Messiah*

text: *Luke 2:8-14*

music: *G. F. Handel* (1685 – 1759)

Pifa (Pastoral Symphony)

Recitative: There Were Shepherds abiding in the field

Arioso: And Lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them

Recitative: And the angel said unto them, Fear not

Arioso: And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude

Chorus: Glory to God

Valerie Estle, soprano; Molly Wood, piano

**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**

Pie Jesu, from *Requiem*

Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

Alistair Kok, violin; Laura Heinrichs, flute; Molly Wood, piano

**CAROL 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

(Please join us!)

trad. 16<sup>th</sup> century English Carol

We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)

and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**POSTLUDE**

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne

Molly Wood, piano

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

**Service is Our Gift**

Art Nava , Lead Greeter

Carol Fisher, Assistant Treasurer

Ellen Spencer, Lead Usher and Assistant Treasurer

John Markham O'Connor, Candles Coordinator

Todd Rinehart, Lead Worship Coordinator