



## 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.

### \*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!"

### LESSON

Into the Dark ..... Rebecca Froom

### \*HYMN 55

Dark of Winter

### LESSON

Dwelling on 90 ..... Laura Evonne Steinman

### \*SONG 118

This Little Light of Mine

### LESSON

By Spirit Alone ..... Joanna Lubkin

### \*HYMN 223

Rock of Ages ..... Trad. arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Introduction: Choir

Verse 2: Soloists

Verse 1: Congregation

Verse 3: Congregation

### LESSON

War Is Over (If You Want It) ..... Mark David Buckles

### SONG

Happy Xmas (War Is Over)

*John Lennon* (1940-1980) & *Yoko Ono* (b. 1933)

Mark David Buckles, guitar

arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

### LESSON

Ring Out, Wild Bells! ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

### \*CAROL 253

O, Come, All Ye Faithful

## **CANTICLE**

O Magnum Mysterium ..... *Francis Poulenc* (1899-1963)  
Julie Gregorio, soprano; Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo  
Jonathan Price, tenor; 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**

Christmas Time is Here ..... *Vince Guaraldi* (1928-1976)  
Molly Wood, piano

## **\*CAROL 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High

## **\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

## **\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

We Wish You A Merry Christmas ..... *trad. 16<sup>th</sup> century English Carol*

We wish you a Merry Christmas (3)  
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**

Christmas Don't Be Late ..... *Ross Bagdasarian* (1919-1972)  
Molly Wood, piano (The Chipmunk Song)

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

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**TODAY – December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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## **Children's Religious Education (CRE)**

We're so happy that the children are celebrating Lessons and Carols with us this morning! There are special activity bags for the children to enjoy during the service. If your child becomes restless, feel free to ask an usher for directions to our nursery just off the sanctuary, where you can listen to the service, which is piped in.

After the Service, please enjoy potato latkes in honor of the Jewish Holiday of Chanukah, which starts on Tuesday night. During Chanukah, Jews eat food made with oil to remind them that the last of the sacred oil for the temple menorah stayed lit for 8 whole days, when the people thought it would last for just one. Magical for sure!

After latkes, join us from 12:30-2:30 in the Perkins Room for some Sewful fun! Come create quilts for the homeless and other fabric/textiles, sewing crafts. All ages are welcome.

**LET'S COME TOGETHER TO  
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS !**

**Holiday Events, Holiday Services**

**Dec. 20, 8PM** Winter Solstice Vespers ~ Beautiful readings,  
meditation by candlelight, songs, & wassailing  
the trees in the Public Garden

**Dec. 24, 5PM** Christmas Eve by Candle Light family service

**7 & 9PM** Community Services with the Boston Gay  
Men's Chorus

**For more information, visit [www.ASCBoston.org](http://www.ASCBoston.org). All Are Welcome!**

**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

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!**

**Service is Our Gift**

*Assistant Treasurers, Carol Fisher and Ellen Spencer*

*Candles Coordinator, Art Nava*

*Lead Greeter, Reese Millican*

*Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer*

*Worship Coordinator, John M. O'Connor*

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**IF YOU FELT THIS WAS A GREAT SERVICE,  
NEXT WEEK, BRING A FRIEND TO SHARE IN THE JOY!**

**SONG**

Happy Xmas (War Is Over)

*John Lennon (1940-1980) & Yoko Ono (b. 1933)*

Mark David Buckles, guitar      arr. *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

A very merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year,  
Let's hope it's a good one,  
Without any fear.

War is over if you want it  
War is over now.