

TODAY – December 19th, 2010

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

We're so happy that the children are celebrating Lessons and Carols with us this morning! Please go to the box pews at the front right of the sanctuary where Laura has activity bags for the children to enjoy during the service. If your child becomes restless, please feel free to ask an usher for directions to our nursery just off the sanctuary. Your child can enjoy the toys, while you continue to enjoy the service which is piped into the room.

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS !

Holiday Events, Holiday Services

- Dec. 21, 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. 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, John M. O'Connor
Lead Greeter, Danny Fournier
Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer
Worship Coordinator, Desmond Ravenstone

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

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.”

This is the first of the six sources of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all six sources, as well as the seven principles 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.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE MEMBERS ARE:

*Rob Cotta / Doug Fiero (chair) / Danny Fournier
Carmen Griggs / Mark MacDonnell /
Karl Paulnack (vice-chair) / Deb Pontes
Mickey Randazza / Bob Sessions*

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

*Paul Dakin (council chair) / Samuel Gloyd &
Diana Miller (co-moderators) / David McClain
(clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

CRE begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs in the Perkins Room for CRE. There is an adjacent toddler room for parents with children ages 1-5. Fussy babies and their parents are invited to the Nursery just off the Hunnewell Chapel, where a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. For information about our Children's Religious Education program, please contact the church office or see the religious educator.

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."

Directory

Ministry

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Sr. Minister
Office@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

Rev. George G. Whitehouse, Minister at Large
GWhitehouse@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

Rev. Eugene B. Navias, Assoc. Min. Emeritus
Rebecca Froom, Intern Minister
RFroom@ASCBoston.org, ext. 18

Music

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music
MBuckles@ASCBoston.org, ext. 19

Molly Wood, Collaborative Pianist
Office@ASCBoston.org, ext 10

Choir Section Leaders

Rachel Gitner, soprano
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano
Marques Hollie, tenor
J. Jacob Krause, baritone, Assistant Conductor

Program

Laura Evonne Steinman, Religious Educator
LES@ASCBoston.org, ext. 12

JP LaFond, R. E. Assistant

Administrative

Phyllis Guiliano, Church Administrator
PG@ASCBoston.org, ext. 16
print@ASCBoston.org
web@ASCBoston.org

Jeffrey Bouchard, Assistant to the Administrator
JBouchard@ASCBoston.org, ext. 14

Brad Nobles, Sexton
JBouchard@ASCBoston.org, ext. 17

NB: To reach any staff member by phone, dial 617-536-7050. When prompted, enter *8 and then their extension.



**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2010

LESSONS & CAROLS
A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS



Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*
351 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3303

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: 617-536-7050 • Fax: 617-536-7051

E-mail: office@ASCBoston.org • Web: www.ASCBoston.org

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2010

LESSONS & CAROLS

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

PRELUDE

Pifa (“Pastoral Symphony) from *Messiah* *G.F. Handel* (1685-1759)
Molly Wood, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Angels from the Realms of Glory music: *Henry Smart* (1813-1879)
text: *James Montgomery* (17-71-1864)

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent 4: Love *Patrick G. Green*
Rachel, Anna and Andrew Silverman

*CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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, by clicking on “Worship.”

Some of us pray with our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
text: *African American Spiritual “Balm in Gilead” and Nick Page*
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

The image shows musical notation for the Healing Prayer. It consists of two staves: a top staff labeled 'Drone' and a bottom staff labeled 'Melody'. Both staves are in 3/4 time and G major. The Drone staff has a simple melody with lyrics 'We pray We'. The Melody staff has a more complex melody with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics 'We pray We' are written below the Drone staff.

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

Love and Joy in Merry Measure Rebecca Froom

*CAROL

Here We Come A-Wassailing

Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green;
Here we come a-wand’ring
So fair to be seen.

Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail too;
And God bless you and send
you a Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy
New Year.

We are not daily beggars
That beg from door to door;

But we are neighbours’
children,
Whom you have seen before.

Refrain

God bless the master of this
house
Likewise the mistress too,
And all the little children
That round the table go

Refrain

LESSON

Multi-Colored Sheep at Peace by Candle Light

Laura Evonne Steinman

*CAROL 55

Dark of Winter

LESSON

The Hope of the World Mark David Buckles

ANTHEM

O Magnum Mysterium *Tomás Luis de Victoria* (1548-1611)

LESSON

Given To Phyllis Guiliano

*CAROL

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Let your heart be light
From now on, our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Make the Yule-tide gay,
From now on, our troubles will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden days,
Happy golden days of yore.
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Gather near to us once more.

Through the years
We all will be together, if the fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough.
And have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

LESSON

Deposing the Despot Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

“Rejoice Greatly” from *Messiah* *G.F. Handel* (1685-1759)
Rachel Gitner, 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

I’ll Be Home for Christmas *Kim Gannon, Walter Kent*
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas *Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane*
Molly Wood, piano arr. *Tom Roed*

*CAROL 231

Angels We Have Heard on High

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Wish You A Merry Christmas *trad. 16th 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

Sleigh Ride *Leroy Anderson* (1908-1975) arr. *Tom Roed*
Molly Wood, piano

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