

OFFERTORY

Rejoice Greatly *G.F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)
from *Messiah*

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL *(sung twice; please join in!)*

We Wish You a Merry Christmas ... *Trad. 16th century English Carol*

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

POSTLUDE

La Nativité du Seigneur *Olivier Messiaen* (1908 - 1992)

VI. Les Anges

Kelly Lenahan, organ

Please help to prepare the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services

by removing the hymnals from your pew

and bringing them to the library carts at the Great Doors.

Thank you!

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today for our intergenerational Lessons and Carols, the children will be staying in the sanctuary. If they would like to join Dave in the front right box pews, they are more than welcome to do so!

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy our nursery/playroom. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs. The service is piped in for your listening pleasure!

Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper Program

The Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Since then, every Friday night, they have provided nutritious, home-cooked meals to Boston's hungry and unhoused people.

Through the end of the year, our Share the Plate offering will be given to the Friday Night Supper Program. They will be serving a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests, and will continue to provide hot meals and outerwear throughout the winter. *Thank you for your generosity!*

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OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

*Lois Hartsough (chair) / Deb Pontes (co-chair) /
Joe Alen / Dan Brotman / Al Ingram / Reese Millican /
Alan Rodgers / Philip Roberts / Kevin Tyrrell*

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

*Liz Teixeira (treasurer) / Tori Bell &
Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)*

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.

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows is closed for the winter and will open in April 2019. Please visit www.asctiffany.org for more information.

ALLELUIA!

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

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."

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*

Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*

Dave Egan, *Director of Family Ministry*

Rev. Erica Rose Long
*Assistant Director of Family Ministry
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital*

Community Ministers

Dr. Arthur Judge
Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Fred Small
Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Joanna Lubkin
Chaplain, Wellesley College

Rev. Vera OBrien
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Ali Jablonsky
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Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*

Kelly Lenahan, *Collaborative Pianist and Organist*

Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, *Soprano*

Jennifer Soloway, *Alto*

Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

John Bitsas, *Baritone*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*

Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*

Brad Nobles, *Sexton*

Laurinda O'Connor, *Publications*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *John O'Connor*

Candles Chaplain, *Arthur Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Tom Anderson*

Lead Usher, *Deb Vittner*

Worship Coordinators, *Melissa Dlugolecki (Steve Marable, shadow)*

Assistant Treasurers, *Dawn Bellamo & Reese Millican*



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2018

LESSONS AND CAROLS!

ADVENT 4: LOVE

8 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent WORTH and DIGNITY of every being
2. JUSTICE, EQUITY, and COMPASSION in all relations
3. ACCEPTANCE of one another and encouragement of SPIRITUAL GROWTH
4. A free and responsible search for TRUTH and MEANING
5. The right of CONSCIENCE and the use of the DEMOCRATIC process
6. The goal of world community with PEACE, LIBERTY, and JUSTICE for all
7. RESPECT for the INTERDEPENDENT WEB of which we are a part
8. Building BELOVED COMMUNITY by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2018

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 end of greetings.

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)

Kelly Lenahan, organ

INTROIT

Angels from the Realms of Glory

text: *James Montgomery (1771 - 1864)*

music: *Henry Smart (1813 - 1879)*

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 4: LOVE

The Best Christmas Ever *Orlanda R. Brugnola*

Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry

*CAROL 231

Angels We Have Heard on High

LESSON

Haul Out the Holly

Rev. Joanna Lubkin, Chaplain, Wellesley College

SONG

We Need A Little Christmas *Jerry Herman (b. 1931)*

Haul out the holly
Put up the tree before
My spirit falls again
Fill up the stocking
I may be rushing things
But deck the halls again now
For we need a little Christmas
Right this very minute
Candles in the window
Carols at the spinet
Yes, we need a little Christmas
Right this very minute
It hasn't snowed a single flurry
But Santa, dear, we're in a hurry

For I've grown a little leaner
Grown a little colder
Grown a little sadder
Grown a little older
And I need a little angel
Sitting on my shoulder
Need a little Christmas now
For we need a little music
Need a little laughter
Need a little singing
Ringing through the rafter
And we need a little snappy
'Happy ever after'
Need a little Christmas now
Need a little Christmas now

So climb down the chimney
Put up the brightest string
Of lights I've ever seen
Slice up the fruitcake
It's time we hung some tinsel
On that evergreen bough

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*

adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

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.

LESSON

A Moon and A Star to Guide Us

Rev. Liz Weber, Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

*CAROL

Do You Hear What I Hear

Noël Regney (1922 - 2002) and Gloria Shayne (1923 - 2008)

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
"Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star,
Dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song,
High above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
"Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A child, a child,
Shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold,
Let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere,
"Listen to what I say!

Pray for peace, people everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
The child, the child,
Sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light."

LESSON

This Wild and Precious Community

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

*CAROL

Children, Go Where I Send Thee *African American Spiritual*

Rev. Fred Small, Minister for Climate Justice, guitar and vocals

LESSON

The Angel Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

And there were Shepherds

music: *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)*

text: *Luke 2:8-11, Johann von Rist (1607 - 1667)*

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

And there were shepherds in the same country
Abiding in the field, keeping watch by night over their flock
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them
And the glory of the Lord shone round about them
And they were sore afraid
And the angel said to them...

Be not afraid
Behold, for I bring good tidings of great joy
Which shall be to all the people
For unto you this day a Saviour is born
Which is Christ the Lord, in the city of David

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light
And usher in the morning
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright
But hear the angel's warning

This child, now weak in infancy
Our confidence and joy shall be
The power of Satan breaking
Our peace eternal making

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner

in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*



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

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