Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – DECEMBER 8, 2013 oment to complete this card so that w

Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service.

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone numbers
E-mail
Spouse/Partner
Children's Name(s) & Age(s)
\Box I/we are visiting for the first time.
□ I/we have been attending ASC for
☐ I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship. (Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
☐ How did you hear about Arlington Street?
I prefer to be contacted by:
□ Mail □ Phone □ E-mail □ No preference
I would like to know more about:
□ Membership Classes/Joining ASC □ Choir/Music
□ Social Action □ Children's Religious Education
☐ Adult Religious Education & Connections (ASC's small group ministry)
□ Young Adult Group □ Other

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

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

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Catie Scudera
Lead Greeter, Dennis Haley
Lead Usher, Greg Haig
Worship Coordinator, John O'Connor
Assistant Treasurers, Alma Antoniotti and Gail Jennes
Artist in Residence, Rodger Clinton Vine

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 MEMBERS ARE:

Shane McBride (chair) / Harlow Robinson (vice-chair) / Christine Curtiss / Alex Frost Greg Haig / Kerry Marshall / Dan Moon Ellen Payzant / Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Samuel Gloyd and Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators) / David McClain (clerk) Susie Nacco (treasurer)

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education 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. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available.

For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

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."

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2013

ADVENT 2 ~ PEACE PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

Unitarian Universalism Promotes seven principles

~ OUR FOURTH PRINCIPLE ~

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning

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 8TH, 2013

PRELUDE

New York State of Mind Captain Jack Nick Place, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 2

Peace Catie Scudera

On the four Sundays before Christmas, we light a candle on the Advent wreath in recognition of the eternal cycle of the seasons, and in honor of the birth of prophets old and new.

*HYMN 235

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

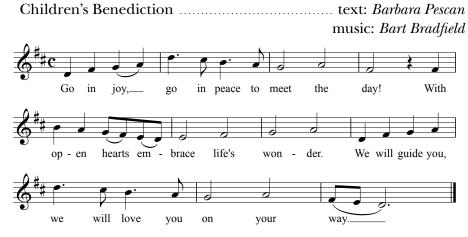
GREETINGS

Introit

Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING



At this time, all children are welcome to join the Children's Religious Education program!

NEW MEMBER JOINING CEREMONY

Responsive Reading 468, "We Need One Another"

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 words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to 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; Julie Gregorio, soprano



AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

El amor es el espíritu Love is the spirit de nuestra congregación of this congregation, And service is our gift. Y el servicio es nuestro regalo. This is our great covenant: Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos: To dwell together in peace, Convivir en paz, To speak our truths in love, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, And to help one another. Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 225

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Lamb text: William Blake (1757-1827) music: John Tavener (1944-2013)

Little Lamb who made thee Dost thou know who made thee Gave thee life & bid thee feed. By the stream & o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing wooly bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice! Little Lamb who made thee Dost thou know who made thee Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee! He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb: He is meek & he is mild, He became a little child: I a child & thou a lamb, We are called by his name. Little Lamb God bless thee.

Little Lamb God bless thee.

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

Die Armen will der Herr umarmen, from Cantata BWV 186 for Advent text: Salomo Franck (1659-1725); music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Julie Gregorio, soprano; Nick Place, piano

Die Armen will der Herr umarmen The Lord will embrace the poor Mit Gnaden hier und dort! Er schenket ihnen aus Erbarmen Den höchsten Schatz, des Lebens Wort!

with mercy everywhere; He sends them, out of compassion, the highest treasure, the Word

of Life.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 226

People, Look East

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (sung twice; please join in!) When You Walk From Here text: Linnea Good music: Tom Witt, arr. Buckles When you walk from here, When you walk from here,

Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today we are meeting in our age-based groups.

- Kindergarten-2nd graders and Sandy are reading Fanny in the Kitchen.
- 2nd-5th graders and Carol are continuing to learn about Islam by reading Sitti's Secrets.
- 5th-8th graders and Hillary are exploring the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism.

If you are interested in getting involved with CRE, please email Erica at elong@ascboston.org.

Note: Next week we will be putting together our annual Mitten Tree. Please bring new or gently used mittens, scarves, and hats to be hung on the Mitten Tree and presented as gifts to the guests of the Friday Night Supper.