

Then shall the righteous

SHINE forth

The light to shine out of darkness hath

shined in our hearts

Shine as lights

in the world

A

Light
that shineth
in a dark place

The true light now shineth

From the real star of the morning of David, and the

HAVE SEEN HIS STAR

bright

and

morning star





Nurture the Spirit
Engage the Mind.
Inspire Action.

ONLINE SERVICE

<https://bit.ly/XmasEveService>

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Welcome to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please have candles (either from your Christmas Eve kits, or your own candles) ready to light in your homes at the end of the service, right before we sing Silent Night together. *When lighting your candle, please be sure to tip your unlit candle toward the lit candle (not vice versa). Once it's lit, do not tip.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL
Carol

Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish

Kari Kraenzler, flute
Tristan Strelitzer, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Minister of Religious Education

CAROL

“Oh Come All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;

Chorus

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God,
Glory in the highest;
(Repeat chorus)

OPENING WORDS

“For So the Children Come”

by Sophia Lyon Fahs

The Rev. Dena McPhetres, Associate Minister

CHALICE LIGHTING

The Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHRISTMAS

The Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

INTERLUDE

Ma'oz Tzur / In the Bleak Midwinter

Traditional Jewish Song/Gustav Holst

Kira Patterson, voice
Patrick Patterson, clarinet
Tristan Strelitzer, piano

READING

Luke 2: 1, 4-7

CAROL**“The First Noel”**

The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three magi came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!

READING

Luke 2: 8-14

CAROL**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’ver the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

READING

Luke 2: 15-20

CAROL

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! The Lord has come:
Let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns:
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders of his love.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Lulajże, Jezuniu* (Lullaby, Jesus)

Traditional Polish Carol

Teresa Drews, collaborative pianist

Tonight's entire offering will be split between two worthy organizations:

Cathedral Center provides shelter in a safe environment for women and families, while working to end homelessness one life at a time.

Interchange Food Pantry, a food pantry that FUSM co-founded in 1971 with a group of neighboring churches, provides healthy food to low-income people in Milwaukee improving the health and well-being of their guests through nutritious food and compassion.

You are invited to go to <https://bit.ly/FUSMSTP>, or text 73256 with the message give2uu with your contribution(s). We will deliver the funds to the organizations. Thank you for your generosity!

STORY

The Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

CONGREGATIONAL CANDLELIGHTING

Tristan Strelitzer, Choral Director
Led by the Holiday Choir

CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia,”
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Child of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE AND CANDLES

***POSTLUDE & RECESSIONAL** *Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*

Traditional French Carol

Kari Kraenzler, flute
Tristan Strelitzer, piano

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE CHRISTMAS EVE RECEPTION Everyone is invited to join us for a virtual holiday reception following the service.

<https://bit.ly/ChristmasEveReception>

GUESTS are invited to fill out a Welcome form to receive information on our activities at

<https://bit.ly/UUVisitor>. Visitors are always welcome in this church at any of its activities. Please learn more about us on our website: uumilwaukee.org.

WE WARMLY WELCOME VISITORS who are with us tonight. We hope you have a joyous holiday season. Please consider coming back to our Sunday services online at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 10:00 A.M.

"Pressing Pause" by Pulpit Guest Beth

Monhollen. Too often, we move through our days as if we have our fingers on a remote control, either pressing rewind, fast forward, or constantly on play. In these hectic and stress-filled times, how do we make space for stillness, for rest, for pressing the pause button? Join us as we invite you to "press pause" to reflect on stories and practices from various faith traditions to help us prioritize rest and renewal.

FORUM No Forum on Sunday, December 27.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION. We offer Religious Education for families and children ages 4-18 each Sunday.

- Pre K-2nd Grade RE, Sundays, 9:15-9:45 a.m.
- Families Together at 11:15am
- 2-5th Grade RE at 12 pm
- Middle School at 2pm
- Youth Group at 4pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SHARE THE PLATE

<https://bit.ly/FUSMSTP>

On Christmas Eve, we give our entire offering to local organizations that provide food and shelter for people. Tonight, we are splitting the offering between two long-standing First Church partners, who have been tirelessly serving the Milwaukee Community:

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Because we are online this year, we might collect less in donations than at an in-person service. However, the needs for food and shelter will not be any lower this winter—they may even be higher. So please, stop what you are doing right now, and go to the link to share your resources with Milwaukeeans in need of food and shelter. Give the gift of warmth, of a fully belly, of a safe place to rest for members of our community who need it. Please give even more than you usually would, to make sure they have the support they need in this difficult year.