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ONLINE SERVICE

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2021

3:30, 5:00, & 6:30 p.m.

Welcome to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Parents are advised to please use discretion regarding whether, and how, your children are permitted to handle lit candles at the end of the service. *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.*

Children are welcome at the service. Families are also welcome to listen to the service in the Stevenson Parlor, which is equipped with an audio speaker. You can ask an usher how to get to the Parlor.

As a way of entering into the spirit of the service, and as a courtesy to our musicians and those who wish to listen, please refrain from conversation once the prelude has begun.

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL *Away in a Manger* Traditional
 Still, Still, Still
 What Child is This?

Alissa Rhode, piano

WELCOME The Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

CAROL *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* Traditional
 Tristan Strelitzer, tenor

OPENING WORDS “For So the Children Come” by Sophia Lyon Fahs
 The Rev. Dena McPhetres, Associate Minister

CHALICE LIGHTING The Reverend Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHRISTMAS
 The Reverend Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
 Minister of Religious Education

INTERLUDE *I Wonder as I Wander* Appalachian Carol

READING Luke 2: 1, 4-7

INSTRUMENTAL

The First Noel

READING

Luke 2: 8-14

INSTRUMENTAL

Angels We Have Heard on High

READING

Luke 2: 15-20

INSTRUMENTAL

Joy to the World

OFFERING

The Reverend Dena McPhetres, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1843)

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

Interchange Food Pantry, a food pantry that First Church founded in 1971 along with a group of neighboring churches, is committed to helping provide healthy food to low-income residents of Milwaukee in a compassionate and supportive environment.

Repairers of the Breach. Greater Milwaukee's only daytime refuge and resource center for homeless adults. They believe that offering life-saving, life-sustaining, and life-restoring services is key to self-sustainability.

You are invited to put cash in the offering plate or write a check directly to one or more of these organizations, and we will happily deliver them for you.

You can go to <https://bit.ly/UUChristmasGiving>, or text 73256 with the message “GIVE2UU Christmas” with your contribution(s). We will deliver the funds to the organizations. Thank you for your generosity!

STORY

The Reverend Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

CONGREGATIONAL CANDLELIGHTING

***CAROL**

Silent Night, Holy Night

(Instrumental; congregational humming only)

***CLOSING WORDS**

The Reverend Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

***EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE AND CANDLES**

(Please briefly remove then replace your mask to blow out candle, or snuff it with fingers)

POSTLUDE & RECESSIONAL *Il est né, le divin Enfant*

French Carol

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL HOUR Everyone is invited to join us for a holiday social hour following the service in the Leenhouts Common Room.

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, JANUARY 2, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

“What Do I Want My Life To Be?” by Rev. Dena McPhetres, Associate Minister. What has your life been over the last year and what do you want your life to be in the new year? Living with intention can involve making a map for our lives and exploring it as we travel. Join us online on YouTube or at <https://youtu.be/mvIRkxCzETs>.

FORUM No Forum on Sunday, December 26.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION. During the month of January, we will be preparing for our joyful return to meeting in our church once again. In February, religious education classes for children and youth will be held at 9:00 a.m., during first service. Additional information about our offerings and R.E. volunteer opportunities in 2022, will be in the RE Weekly Update, church website, and announcements.

CHRISTMAS EVE SHARE THE PLATE

<https://bit.ly/UUChristmasGiving>

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:

Repairers of the Breach. Greater Milwaukee’s only daytime refuge and resource center for homeless adults. They believe that offering life-saving, life-sustaining, and life-restoring services is key to self-sustainability.

Interchange Food Pantry, a food pantry that First Church 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.

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 full 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.



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