

ORDER OF SERVICE

Christmas Eve
2022



Unitarian Universalist
Church of Greater Lynn

Lighting the Christmas Candelabra

Introit

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Larry Sue

Liz Smith, Trudi Olivetti, David Collins, handbells

The Call to Christmas Celebration

*Carol

“O 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

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

All glory in the highest

O come, let us adore him

O come, let us adore him

O come, let us adore him

Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning

Jesus, to thee be glory given

Word of the Father

Now in flesh appearing

O come, let us adore him

O come, let us adore him

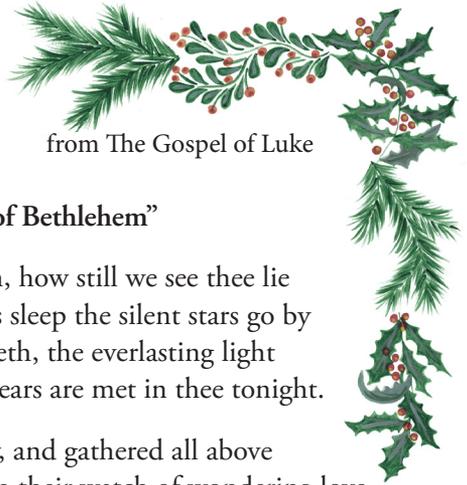
O come, let us adore him

Christ the Lord!

The Ancient Story

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*





Readings

from The Gospel of Luke

Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love
Oh morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.

Musical Offering

“Alleluja”

from *Uns ist ein Kind Geboren* J.S. Bach

Reading

The Shepherds and the Angels

Carol

“The First Noel”

The First Noel, the angels 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...

Homily

“A Safe Place For Love To Be Born”

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Anthem

“O Magnum Mysterium”

Evan Ramos

This text is at least 400 years old.

*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Introduction to the Christmas Eve Offering

Offertory

Gabriel's Message
Huron Carol

trad. Basque/arr. Hicken
trad. French-Canadian/arr. Ham

Reading “You Have to Know Your Body as the Home of God”

by Rebecca Parker

*Carol

“Joy To the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is 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 world, now gladness reigns!
Let us our 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 light of his righteousness
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders, of his love.



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Prayer

Sharing of the Light



*Carol

“Silent Night” (“Night Of Silence”)

Daniel Kantor

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!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love’s pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Benediction



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Hand-painted artwork by Czech artist, Jana Vrbikova

TONIGHT'S WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Music Director

David Collins, Pianist

Ushers: Bruce Campbell, Trinidad Martinez

Readers: Desi Oakley, Andy Jones

Community Health

Given the seasonal spike in COVID cases and the spread of other infectious diseases like flu and RSV, we encourage the wearing of masks when we are together. Masks are an easy and simple way to minimize worry over sharing germs as we enjoy each other's company.

For those of you who would like to maintain social distance in the sanctuary (which has several air filters running every Sunday), the front side of the sanctuary by the wooden Lydia Breed sculpture is reserved for you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

There won't be a church service on Christmas Day. Visit our website, Facebook, or YouTube channel that morning for a message from Rev. Vicki.

"Blessings and Banishings" –Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

Sunday, January 1 | 10am

We will gather at our accustomed hour for a meditation and ritual for letting go of what no longer serves us and setting intentions for a spiritually strong new year. Our staff has the day off so there will be recorded music.

Tai Chi Classes

Tuesday & Fridays, 11 am | January 6-March 31

Join our beginner-level Tai Chi classes this winter. Visit uucgl.org for more information and to register—there are a few spaces left!

Restorative Winter Meditations

Sundays, 4-5pm | January 15-March 26

You are invited to take a little time out of your week for restorative silence and reconnection. No prior experience is required. Register at uucgl.org.

We Are A Spiritual Community

that gathers to explore deeper truths together,
to support one another through the complexities
and struggles of daily life, and to serve the greater good by
becoming more compassionate in our thoughts, words and actions.

Join with us to cultivate reverence, peacefulness, and an ethic of
loving engagement with the world.

We are so glad that you came out tonight,
whether you are a devoted member or a new visitor.

We are here all year and hope to be a spiritual community
you will consider becoming part of.



Find out more about our church at:
www.uucgl.org



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