

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025 - 4 p.m.

Prelude *Christmas Time Is Here* (Vince Guaraldi) Sam Whitesell

Chime

Call to Worship Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Welcome Erika Reif

Opening Hymn #253 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Chalice Lighting “We kindle our chalice flame tonight to remind ourselves of the message of Christmas, which is Hope; the spirit of Christmas, which is Peace; and the heart of Christmas, which is Love.”

No Rehearsal Nativity Pageant *Adapted from The Rev. Jory Agate*

Hymn #246 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn #243 *Jesus, Our Brother*

Hymn #237 *The First Noel*

Hymn #231 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn #244 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Hymn #259 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Hymn #239 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Offering

Offertory *Away in a Manger* (James R. Murray; arr. Sam Whitesell)

Candle Lighting (Please tip the unlit candle toward the lit one. Hold your candle upright & remain seated until the conclusion of the Benediction.)

Hymn *Silent Night*

Moment of Silence

Benediction

Hymn #245 *Joy to the World*

Postlude *Linus and Lucy* (Vince Guaraldi)

Our **Christmas Eve Offering** will support the **Joint Urban Ministry Project** (assisting neighbors in need in Burlington) and the **FUUSB Discretionary Fund** (aiding members of our community who need financial assistance). You can contribute online at onrealm.org/FirstUUSociety/give/xmas or by texting **Steeple Xmas to 73256**.

NARRATORS: Josephine, Annabelle, Collins

STAGE MANAGERS Jason Liggett & Rose Ledoux

WORSHIP CREATORS

Senior Minister	Reverend Karen G. Johnston
Director of Lifespan Faith Development	Erika Reif
Pianist	Sam Whitesell
Songleader	Lance Smith
Tech Manager	Michael Wright
Tech Team	Adele deRosset, Keats Overman-Smith
Facilities Manager	Devin Fallon
Caretakers	Phil Brentwood, Charlie Delaney, Darrell Fields, Bob Furrer
Flowers	Peggy Derby
Evergreen Wreath	Sarah Forbes
Director of Music	Liam Hart

Thank you to our ushers, candlelighters, operations staff, and Sanctuary decorators.

~ Thank you to everyone who remembered and celebrated a loved one this year with a wreath and greens for our Sanctuary and Meetinghouse. ~

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