

Order of Service

Sunday, December 24, 2017

10:30 a.m.

◆Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Greeting Our Neighbors

Prelude

“White Christmas”, by I. Berlin

Martin Hargrove

Call to Worship

words by Alfred S. Cole

Chalice Lighting

In Unison: This Christmas Eve, the flame our chalice holds reminds us of the gladness of Christmas, which is Hope; the spirit of Christmas, which is Peace; and the heart of Christmas, which is Love. (Ada V. Hendricks, adapted)

Stewardship Moment

Kate Cowperthwait
Emmanuel Dining Room

Congregation in unison: *To the work of this congregation, which is weaving a tapestry of love and action, we dedicate our lives and these, our offerings.*

Offertory

“Love is Christmas”, by S. Barielles

G. Mercante

Our Christmas Pageant

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein,
Catherine Williamson & Congregation

#246 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 & 3)

#237 The First Noel

#231 Angels We Have Heard on High

#259 We Three Kings of Orient Are (verse 1 only)

#238 Within the Shining of a Star

Benediction

Anonymous

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

“O Holy Night”, by A. Adams

Holiday Reception in the Parish Hall

We would like to thank Linda Sanders for the beautiful costumes, as well as working with Kate Franta, & Tracy Spinka-Doms as stage managers.

* Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.

◆ Ushers welcome late-comers into the service at this time.

Pastoral Care Needs:

If you are experiencing an illness or hospitalization, struggling with a loss, facing changes and stresses in life, or just need somebody to listen, the Pastoral Care team is here for you. Contact Deb Griffin, Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at DebG@firstuuwilm.org.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

GREETERS:

David Donohue & Debbi Zarek

USHERS:

Lew & Mary Collat, Letty Diswood,

Diane Wills

SONG LEADER:

Richard Speck

PASTORAL CARE:

Deb Griffin

AV TEAM:

Jon Claney

COOKIE RECEPTION

Volunteers

OUR MISSION:

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington is a beloved community that nourishes minds and spirits, fights injustice, and transforms the world through loving action.

OUR ENDS:

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, people of all ages:
 Feel safe, accepted, and loved – and empowered to be our authentic selves.
 Gain new perspectives and grow as informed, spiritual human beings.
 Act on our shared values and UU identity to fight for a more just world.
 Experience wonder, inspiration, fulfillment, and joy.

First Unitarian Church

A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary
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Family Christmas Pageant

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