

Order of Service

Sunday, December 11, 2016

10:30 a.m.

◆Welcome and Announcements

Suzanne Perry,
Worship Associate

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude Little Drummer Boy

Call to Worship “Let There Be Light” by Andy Pakula

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn of the Month** #256 *Winter Night*

*Unison Affirmation

With a sincere desire for our congregation to flourish, I promise: to be mindful to nurture my own spiritual health; to be attentive to guests and new members; to seek to understand others with humility and an open mind; to interact with my fellow UU members with integrity and respect; to use wisdom and patience in challenging or conflicted situations and to seek honest reconciliation; to be involved; and to uphold this covenant in interactions in the wider community.

Musical Response

Tale for All Ages The Most Perfect Snowman
by Chris Brit Jan Shay

Departing Blessing *(Sing through twice)*
For you shall go out in joy, for you shall go out in joy,
And come back in peace, and come back in peace, blessed be.

Reading Excerpts from “Forget red and green:
Make it a blue holiday instead” by Diana Butler Bass

Hymn* #55 *Dark of Winter*

Homily “Blue Christmas” Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Stewardship Moment

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

Offertory In the Bleak Midwinter by H. Darke
Choir, soloists Miriam Priest and Jim Weddell

Litany of Comfort by Debra Faulk Rev. Roberta and Suzanne Perry
*Response: We find comfort in naming these feelings.
We find peace in being together.*

Silent Candle Lighting and Comfort Cloak Offering

Hymn* # 346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled, Choir
Words by H. Thurman (UU), Music by E. Alexander (UU)

* 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 Dale Megill, Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at dalem@firstuuwilm.org.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE: Carolyn Gibson
GREETERS: Paul McGhee, Paul Pinson, Renee Anderson, Jan Jones
USHERS: J. Harry and Jackie Feldman, Deborah Haskell, Patricia McGee
SONG LEADER: Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE: Dale Megill
CYRE VOLUNTEERS: Amy Gunderson, Grace Laster, Lauren Linebeck, Mitch Weiss, Jason Hann- Deschaine, Kyle Williamson, Jackson Salasky, Steve Marek

FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
WELCOME TABLE: Dale Megill, Barbara Marrs
UUSC COFFEE SALES: Steve Marek
AV TEAM: Jon Claney
SUNDAY HOSPITALITY: Adult Religious Education
BOOK CORNER: Beverly Bach
BOOSTER CARDS: Suzanne Proud
BOARD OF TRUSTEES: World Café Sign Up
CIRCLE SUPPERS: Sign Up

OUR VALUES:

We work to embody: Love and Compassion, Growth and Discovery, Freedom and Justice, Wonder and Joy.

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.

“What Does it Mean to be
 a Community of Presence?”

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A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary
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“Blue Christmas”
Reverend Roberta Finkelstein,
Developmental Minister