

# Order of Service

Thursday, December 24, 2015

10:00 p.m.

## Mini Concert

*Every Valley* from Messiah

Handel

*And the Glory of the Lord* from Messiah

Handel

*Et in Terra* from Gloria

Vivaldi

*Gloria* from Gloria

Vivaldi

## \*Carol

#253 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## Call to Worship

Jacob Trapp

## Solo

*The Three Kings*

## Chalice Lighting

*Unison:*

This Christmas Eve, the flame of our chalice  
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.

## \*Carol

#244 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

## Reading

*Luke 2:1-20*

## Christmas Prayer

## Choral Anthem

*Lo, How a Rose*

## Reading

*Matthew 1:18-24*

## Stewardship Moment

### Offering

*O Holy Night*

### Reading

*Christ Climbed Down* by Lawrence Ferlinghetti

### Choral Anthem

*Mary Had a Baby*

### Homily

*"The Journeys  
of Christmas"*

**Rev. Roberta Finkelstein,  
Developmental Minister**

### Candle Lighting

*Silent Night*

### Benediction

*Words by Edward Ericson*

### \*Carol

#245 *Joy to the World*

### **Pastoral Care Needs**

If you are struggling, facing unusual stresses or changes in your life, experiencing illness or a hospitalization, struggling with a recent loss, or just need someone who can listen, there is someone here for you. Please contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team, wearing red name tags on Sundays, or Rev. Roberta Finkelstein.

### ***Thank you to all our volunteers!***

***GREETERS:*** Marilyn Hyte and Cathy Cambridge

***USHERS:*** Bob Wynn, Nancy and Paul Pinson, Bev Bach

### **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.

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Thursday, December 24, 2015

## ***“Christmas Eve”***



### ***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.*