

Order of Service

Sunday, December 10, 2017

10:30 a.m.

◆ **Welcome and Announcements** David Weiss, Worship Associate

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude “God Rest Ye Merry Jazz Men” UD Faculty Jazz

Call to Worship “You are the Holiday Miracle”, by Gwen Matthews
(adapted)

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn** #221 “Light One Candle”

***Unison Affirmation**

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington we seek to embody: love and compassion; growth and discovery; freedom and justice; wonder and joy.

Musical Response “Ruby, My Dear”, by T. Monk UD Faculty Jazz

Tale for All Ages Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Departing Blessing (sing through twice)

For you shall go out with joy, for you shall go out with joy,
and come back in peace, and come back in peace, blessed be.

Reading “Christmas Comes Whether You’re Ready or Not”, by Cynthia Frado

***Hymn of the Month** #51 “Lady of the Season’s Laughter”

Homily “Blue Christmas” Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Stewardship Moment

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 “Count Your Blessings”, I. Berlin UD Faculty Jazz

Litany of Comfort, by Debra Faulk Rev. Roberta Finkelstein & David Weiss
Response: We find comfort in naming these feelings.
We find peace in being together

Silent Candle Lighting and Comfort Cloak Offering

***Hymn** #55 “Dark of Winter”

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude “Groovin High”, by E.B. “Dizzy” Gillespe UD Faculty Jazz

We welcome back UD Faculty Jazz – Harvey Price, vibes and drums; Miles Brown, bass; Todd Groves, reeds; Tom Palmer, drums & piano.

* 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!

CHURCH OFFICE:	Carolyn Gibson
GREETERS:	Helga & Burley Melton, Suzanne Perry, Donna Gonzalez
USHERS:	J. Harry & Jackie Feldman, Deborah Haskell, Patricia McGee
SONG LEADER:	Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE:	Deb Griffin
WELCOME TABLE:	Barbara Marrs, Dale Megill
FIRST U LIBRARY:	Open Sunday mornings 9:00am-12:00pm, first floor classroom wing
BOOK CORNER:	Bev Bach
BOOSTER CARDS:	Suzanne Proud
UUSC COFFEE SALES:	Steve Marek
AV TEAM:	Jon Claney
VISITOR & NEWCOMERS GROUP:	Kathie Thomas
CHILDREN & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:	Crystal Oswald, Maisie Donohue, Amy Gunderson, Michelle Frey, Liz Marek, Dave Donohue, Tracy Spinka-Doms, Marilyn HYTE
CIRCLE SUPPERS:	Registration

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
 Sunday, December 10, 2017



Blue Christmas

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein and
 David Weiss, Worship Associate

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