

Order of Service

Sunday, December 24, 2017

10:00 p.m.

9:45 p.m. Mini Concert *short mass in C* Scott Ward & Chamber Choir

◆ **Welcome** Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Greeting Our Neighbors

Choral Prelude “Spanish Carol” by M. Wilson Choir

Call to Worship By Jacob Trapp

***Carol** #253 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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)

Anthem *Behold the Light*, from Jacob Shining, F. Mendelsohn Choir

The First Reading Luke 2:1-20
Tracy Spinka-Doms, Worship Associate

***Carol** #228 “Once in Royal David’s City”

The Second Reading Matthew 2:1-14 Jim Curtis, Worship Associate

Solo “O Holy Night”, by A. Adam Martin Hargrove

The Third Reading “A Sikh Prayer for America”, by Valarie Kaur
Helen Foss, Worship Associate

Homily “The Darkness of the Womb” Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Music “Silent Night” Wilmington String Ensemble

Stewardship Moment Cindy Cohen
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 “An English Christmas” arr. J. Purdy Choir

Prayer / Meditation

Candle Lighting words by Max Kapp

***Carol** #251 “Silent Night”

Benediction by Edward Ericson

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude “Christmas Medley” Wilmington String Ensemble

* *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:

Marilyn Hyte, Cathy Cambridge & Ed Keeling

USHERS:

Ed Ostrom, Kathie Thomas, Karen Berrie,

Ron Grant

SONG LEADER:

Richard Speck

PASTORAL CARE:

Deb Griffin

AV TEAM:

Jon Claney

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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The Darkness of the Womb

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein &
Scott Ward, Honorary Minister of Music

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