

# Order of Service

Sunday, December 31, 2017

10:30 a.m.

♦ **Welcome and Announcements** Jan Shay, Worship Associate

**Greeting Our Neighbors**

**Ring the Gong**

**Prelude** *The Christmas Song*, by M. Torme

**Call to Worship** Winter, by Greta Crosby

**Chalice Lighting** A Flame to Light Our Path, by Debra Burrell

\***Hymn** #147 “When All the Peoples on This Earth”

\***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**

**Prayer / Meditation**

**Shared Silence**

**Prayers of the People**

**Musical Meditation** “What Child Is This”

**Reading** The Camels Speak, by Lynn Ungar

\***Hymn** #259 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

**Letting Go** The Coffin

**Reading** In Blackwater Woods, by Mary Oliver

**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** “What are you doing New Year’s Eve?”, F. Loesser

**Giving Birth** The Cradle

**Reading** The Journey of the Magi, by T.S. Eliot

\***Hymn** #57 “All Beautiful the March of Days”

**Benediction** by Kathleen McTigue

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Postlude** “Auld Lang Syne” (see insert)

***We thank Barry Finkelstein for sharing his talents with us this morning.***

\* 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](mailto:DebG@firstuuwilm.org).

*Thank you to all our volunteers!*

<b>CHURCH OFFICE:</b>	Mary Jo Metz
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Steve & Cindy Cohen, Suzanne Perry, Barbara Perry
<b>USHERS:</b>	Bev Bach, Maggie Duffy, Greg Griffin, Kathie Thomas
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Richard Speck
<b>PASTORAL CARE:</b>	Deb Griffin
<b>FIRST U LIBRARY:</b>	Open Sunday mornings 9:00am-12:00pm, first floor classroom wing
<b>WELCOME TABLE:</b>	Loretta Knight
<b>AV TEAM:</b>	Jon Claney
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b>	Choir
<b>COFFEE SALES:</b>	Steve Marek
<b>BOOK CORNER:</b>	Eleanore Morrow

**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 31, 2017



## *Coffin and Cradle*

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein &  
 Jan Shay, Worship Associate

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