

# Order of Service

Sunday, December 9, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+ **Welcome and Announcements**

Jan Shay, Worship Associate

**Greeting Our Neighbors**

**Ringing the Gong**

**Prelude**

*Blue Christmas*, by B. Hayes

**Call to Worship**

J. Shay

**Chalice Lighting**

“Let There Be Light” by Andy Pakula

\***Hymn**

#1003 *Where Do We Come From?*

\***Unison Affirmation**

*First Unitarian Church of Wilmington is a beloved community that nourishes minds and spirits, fights injustice, and transforms the world through loving action.*

**Musical Response**

*Imagine*, by John Lennon

**Tale for All Ages**

“Simon and the Bear” by Erik Kimmel

**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.

**Stewardship Moment**

Mitch Weiss

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**

*Walking Each Other Home*, by R. Dass

Brandywine Threshold Singers

**Reading**

“You Are the Holiday Miracle” by Gwen Matthews

\***Hymn**

#346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

**Homily**

“Blue Christmas”

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

**Litany of Comfort, by Debra Faulk**

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein & J. Shay

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**

by Ellen Fay

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Postlude**

*Ave Verum*, by C. Saint Saens

\* *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 Dottie Ashcraft, the Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at [DottieA@firstuuwilm.org](mailto:DottieA@firstuuwilm.org)

*Thank you to all our volunteers!*

<b>CHURCH OFFICE:</b>	Mary Jo Metz
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Burley & Helga Melton, Suzanne Perry, Marilyn Hyte
<b>USHERS:</b>	J Harry & Jackie Feldman, Deborah Haskell, Pat McGee, Sam Weiss
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Richard Speck
<b>PASTORAL CARE:</b>	Dottie Ashcraft
<b>FIRST U LIBRARY:</b>	Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
<b>CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:</b>	Crystal Oswald, Maisie Donohue, Amy Gunderson, Sarah Shahan, Becky Laster, Travis Laster, Matt Sargent, Kyle Williamson
<b>WELCOME TABLE:</b>	Stephanie Cloud, Dale Megill
<b>NEWCOMERS:</b>	Doyle Dobbins
<b>AV TEAM:</b>	Jon Claney
<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE:</b>	Human Rights Task Force
<b>BOOK CORNER:</b>	Bev Bach
<b>SEARCH COMMITTEE:</b>	Barry Finkelstein
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b>	First U Board
<b>CIRCLE SUPPERS:</b>	Registration

**OUR MISSION:**

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**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 9, 2018

**Blue Christmas**

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

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