

# Order of Service

Monday, December 24, 2018

4:00 p.m.

## +Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

## Greeting Our Neighbors

## Ringing the Gong

## Prelude

*Christmas is Love*

Gus Mercante

## Call to Worship

words by Alfred S. Cole

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

## Chalice Lighting

Catherine Williamson

*In Unison: 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. (Ada V. Hendricks, adapted)*

## \*Carol

#244 *Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

## Stewardship Moment

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein  
For the Minister's Discretionary Fund

*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

*Mary Had a Baby*, trad. Spiritual

G. Mercante

## Our Christmas Pageant

Catherine Williamson, Director of Religious Exploration & Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

#246 *O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 & 3)*

#237 *The First Noel*

#231 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

#259 *We Three Kings of Orient Are (verse 1 only)*

#238 *Within the Shining of a Star*

## Benediction

## Extinguishing the Chalice

## Postlude

*The Christmas Song*, by M. Torme

G. Mercante

\* 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!***

- GREETERS:*** Burley & Helga Melton
- USHERS:*** Lucy Rabe
- SONG LEADER:*** Richard Speck
- PASTORAL CARE:*** Dottie Ashcraft
- AV TEAM:*** Jon Claney
- COOKIE RECEPTION:*** Volunteers

**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*  
 Monday, December 24, 2018

***No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant***



Rev. Roberta Finkelstein & Catherine Williamson,  
 Director of Religious Exploration

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