

## ***Pre-service music***

**Selection of Holiday favorites** Janet Witman, harp 6:45 p.m.

## ***Order of Service*** 7:00 p.m.

**Bringing of the Light** Kathy Harris, Organ  
Theme and Variation on a “Noel Provençal”  
*Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabelle* by Leon Roques

**Welcome & Chalice Lighting** Rev. Dr. Larry Peers  
Tracy Spinka-Doms

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Tracy Spinka-Doms & Family

**\*Carol #244** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* First U Virtual Choir  
Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears  
Music: Richard Storrs Willis

**Reading** “In the Darkness of the Winter” Tracy Spinka-Doms  
by Suzelle Lynch

**\*Carol #254** *Sing We Now of Christmas* Cindy Cohen,  
(vs. 1-3) Rebecca Fisher, Kathy Harris  
Words: Traditional French Carol  
Music: Medieval French Carol

**Ancient Story** Luke 2: 1-20 Catherine Williamson

**\*Carol #241** *In the Bleak Midwinter* First U Virtual Choir  
New Words: John Andrew Storey  
Music: Gustave Theodore Holst

**Story** “The Light Shines in the Darkness” Catherine Williamson  
by Christina Villa

**\*Carol #245** *Joy to the World* First U Virtual Choir  
Words: Isaac Watts  
Music: G.F. Handel

**Homily** “A Holy Night” Rev. Dr. Larry Peers

**Song** *O, Holy Night* Martin Hargrove, bass  
Words: John Sullivan Dwight Janet Witman, harp  
Music: Adolphe Adam

**Reading** “For So the Children Come” Catherine Williamson  
by Sophia Lyon Fahs

**Special Offering YWCA** Tracy Spinka-Doms

**Offertory Dedication** Tracy Spinka-Doms

**Offertory** *Pifa, from Messiah* Kathy Harris, Organ  
Music: G.F. Handel

**Reading** “Solstice” Tracy Spinka Doms  
by Rev. Gary Kowalski

**Candle Lighting**  
A Short Safety Message  
Meditation and Invitation to Candle Lighting Rev. Dr. Larry Peers

**\*Carol #251** *Silent Night, Holy Night* First U Virtual Choir  
Words: Joseph Mohr  
Music: Franz Xaver Gruber

**Extinguishing the Flames** Rev. Dr. Larry Peers

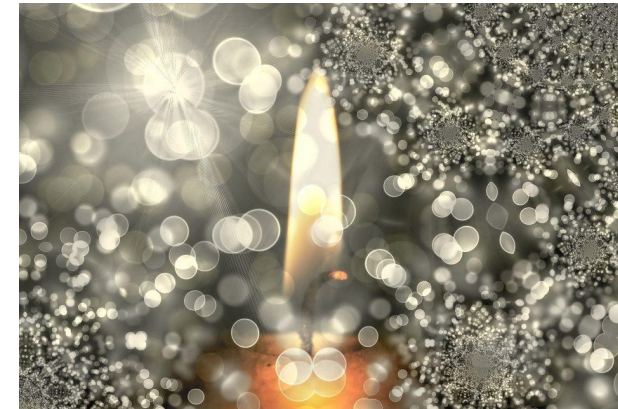
**Benediction** “The Work of Christmas” Rev. Dr. Larry Peers  
by Howard Thurman

\* Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit

# First Unitarian Church of Wilmington

*A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary*  
December 24, 2021

## ***A Holy Night: A Christmas Candlelight Celebration***



**Sunday, December 26, 2021**  
**“Unitarians’ Gifts to Christmas” (Recorded)**  
([YouTube.com/c/firstuuwilmorg/featured](https://www.youtube.com/c/firstuuwilmorg/featured))

Please note that we will not meet in our building on this day after Christmas. However, we will provide a link in our website to a pre-recorded service that you can view any time. This service includes:

- + Play reading of “What the Dickens: A Christmas Carol” by these members of First Unitarian Church - Linda Sanders, Rebecca Fisher, Nancy Flanagan, Richard Flanagan, Jannine Shay, Marian Sargeant, James Moser & Edris Harrell.
- + Kathy Harris will offer an introduction to today’s carols which were written by Unitarians.
- + Homily by Rev. Larry Peers, “Who the Dickens”
- + Chalice lighting by Catherine Williamson, and Extinguishing the Chalice words by 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.

*Rev. Dr. Larry Peers*, Minister  
*Tracey Spinka-Doms*, Worship Associate  
*Catherine Williamson*, Dir. of Children and Youth Religious  
Exploration  
*Kathy Harris*, Music Director  
*Jon Claney*, AV Tech Lead  
UU Virtual Choir, Cindy Cohen, Rebecca Fisher  
Guests: Janet Witman (harp) Martin Hargrove (bass)

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