

JOIN US FOR THESE HOLIDAY SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday, December 4, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (in the building and online)

“Awakened & Engaged” with Rev. Dr. Larry Peers, preaching

December 8th is celebrated as Bodhi Day, to commemorate when the Siddhartha Gautama, who came to be known as the Buddha, had his enlightenment. What is the connection between awakening and engagement with Life and the problems of this world? We will draw some insights from contemporary teachers of Engaged Buddhism. The choir will sing “Be the Light”, based on the text of Amanda Gorman’s poem “The Hill We Climb”

12:00-12:30 p.m. Soul Matters Conversation with Rev. Larry. Join us for this informal conversation on this month’s theme of “Wonder” in the Warner Room. All are invited to this drop-in group. No preparation is needed.

Monday, December 5, 2022

7:00 p.m. Concert (in the building and online)

The Diamond State Concert Band will present a festive program of holiday favorites at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. The concert will also be available to livestream. You can access the broadcast here: <https://firstuuwilm.org/2022/11/22/launch-your-holiday-festivities-with-a-concert-at-first-u-featuring-the-diamond-state-band/>

Sunday, December 11, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (in the building and online)

“Wonder & Awe: A Hanukkah Reflection” with Rev. Dr. Larry Peers, preaching

We transmit our sacred stories—not because we are giving history lessons, but because there is something embedded in these stories that convey hope, stir wonder and cultivate Mystery in us. Hanukkah is one of those sacred stories.

Guitarist Seth Hammonds will provide music for the Hanukkah celebration.

Children will be joining us for the first part of the service, where there will also be a Time for All Ages story.

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

6:30 p.m. Vespers (in building only)

Please join us as this year’s Vespers series returns on Wednesday evening, December 14th, from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The services will be based on the Taizé style of worship, featuring candlelight, inspirational music, readings and meditation. Come to find peace, silence and fellowship. *The Vespers series will continue on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month, from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!*

Sunday, December 18, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (in the building and online)

“Wintering & Replenishment: A Solstice Reflection” with Rev. Dr. Larry Peers, preaching

Katherine May, in her meditative book, *Wintering*, offers ways of appreciating that winter is “a season of the natural world, a respite our bodies require, and a state of mind.” The Solstice is a reminder that our lives are indeed not linear but cyclical. Recognizing our needs for replenishment, rest and retreat can occur in any season of our lives.

Drummer Aaron Walker will join us in welcoming the winter season. He will also accompany the Women’s Choir in a rendition of “African Noel.”

4:30 p.m. Winter Solstice Celebration and Soup Dinner (in building only)

Let’s celebrate the Winter Solstice!

Join us for a bonfire and Winter Solstice Celebration in the field next to the church. Then, enjoy a soup dinner in the Parish Hall.

RSVP at this link to let us know you are attending!

<https://firstuuwilm.org/2022/11/22/winter-solstice-celebration-update/>

Saturday, December 24, 2022

7:00 p.m. “Now is the Time: Intergenerational Christmas Candlelight Service” (in the building and online)

Join us for this intergenerational celebration of the universal meanings of Christmas. Through special music and carols, stories and reflection, the sharing of candlelight and joy, we will remind each other that “the dark universe is suddenly illuminated by the lights we hold and the whole world is glad and loud with winter singing (Victoria Safford).”

The choir will be joined by guest soloists and instrumentalists in performing a pre-service program of selections from Vivaldi’s Gloria, beginning at 6:40 p.m. Our 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service will feature traditional carols sung by the children’s choir, adult choir and congregation.

Sunday, December 25, 2022

“The Mood of Christmas” (online only)

This service will feature readings from Howard Thurman read by our members, Christmas spirituals by singers from our congregation, and a brief reflection by Rev. Dr. Larry Peers. Thurman was considered one of the most prominent religious leaders in our country. He had a prophetic and mystical sensibility, was a mentor to Martin Luther King, Jr. and he continues to inspire many. *Link will be available later in December.*

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (in the building and online)

“There is a Dance Only You Can Do”, Rev. Dr. Larry Peers, preaching

Our New Year’s Day reflection will be an opportunity for us to appreciate the dance of our life and to sense our next steps in this New Year. We will consider this wisdom from dancer Gabrielle Roth’s: “There is a dance only you can do, that exists only in you, here and now, always changing, always true. Are you willing to listen with fascination? ... If you don't do your dance, who will?”

Guest musicians Harvey Price and Linda Henderson will join us to celebrate the beginning of the New Year!

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