



# Order of Christmas Eve Service for Saturday December 24, 2022

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

Prelude *Seasonal Selections* Deb Bonneau, Pianist

Lighting the Christmas Flame

Solo *Deck the Halls*, trad. Grace Johnsen, Clarinet

Welcome & Opening Words by Dan Lambert

Rev. Aaron Payson

\* Carol #231 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Responsive Affirmation #618 *In This Night*

Solo *Still, Still, Still* trad. Austrian Carol  
Dianne Mann, Soprano

Ancient Reading *Luke 1:46-55* Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Duet *The First Noel*  
Dianne Mann, Soprano & Kim McCoy, Bass

Contemporary Reading *Every Moment is One* by Quinn G. Caldwell

Offertory *Snowman* arr. Howard Blake

Pastoral Prayer

Solo *Place Called Home* by Lynn Ahrens & Alan Menken  
David Bonneau, Baritone

Ancient Reading *Luke 2:1-20*

Duet *Bring the Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* trad. French Carol  
The Wagner Family

Contemporary Reading *The Moment of Magic* by Victoria Stafford

Carol #244 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Reflection *Magnifying Love* Rev. Aaron Payson

Solo *O Holy Night* Rachel Wagner, Soprano

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Unless noted otherwise

Preservice Quiet & Prelude at 9:50 am

Worship Service and RE Classes at 10 am

Fellowship at 11:15 am

Rev. Aaron Payson, Preaching

### Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Ecumenical Service

Bethel Lutheran Church,

90 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Auburn

### Sunday, January 1

Brave New Words

Guest Speaker Rev. Jennifer Innis

### Sunday, January 8

Annual Ask the Minister Service



## Candlelighting Ceremony words by Lisa Rubin (adapted)

As the choir sings "Dona Nobis Pacem" candles will be lit in the congregation. When prompted by the minister, the congregation is invited to stand and sing "Silent Night" in German, then hum through once, and sing again in English.

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht  
Alles schlaft, ensam wacht  
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lокkigen Harr,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

*Silent Night, holy Night  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin, mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*



✧ **Benediction** words by Howard Thurman

**Postlude**

*Seasonal Selections*

Dianne Mann & Music Director Matt Johnsen

✧ Please stand in body or spirit

## UUCW Activity Calendar December 24 - January 1

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 7 pm,**  
see Worship Schedule on other side

**Sunday, December 25 - Ecumenical Worship Service at Bethel Lutheran,**  
see Worship Schedule on other side.

**Sunday, January 1 - Multi-Platform Worship at 10 am**

The Church Office is closed from December 23 - January 1.  
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