



ORDER of VESPERS for Sunday December 18, 2022

Believing in a community that unites all people

Prelude	<i>Seasonal Selections & The First Noel</i>
Music Director	Matthew Johnsen, Dianne Mann & Kim McCoy
Tolling of the Bell and Moment of Silence	
Opening Words	<i>The Shortest Day</i> Robin Mitzcavitch, DRE <i>of the Year</i> by Susan Cooper
Choral Introit	<i>Wexford Lullaby</i> UUCW Choir arr. Matthew Johnsen
A Winter Sojourn Part I	George Bejune, Narrator
Song	<i>Good Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i> , Trad. Carol The Wagner Family
Lighting the Yule Log	
Welcome	Rev. Margaret Gifford
* Processional	<i>Good King Wenceslas</i> , Trad. Carol
A Winter Sojourn Part II	Alma Trowbridge, Narrator
Choral Anthem	<i>Carol of the Irish Cabin</i> by Dale Wood
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Cheryl Leshay, Community Minister
Solo	<i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i> David Bonneau, Baritone arr. Christina Rossetti & Gustav Holst
Offertory Introduction	Rev. David Miller
Offertory	<i>Snowman</i> Deb Bonneau, Pianist arr. Howard Blake
The Light of the Holidays Part III	Anya Sweetser, Narrator
Choral Anthem	<i>Snow</i> by Stephen Chatman
The Light of the Holidays Part IV	Coraline Stolarski, Narrator
Carol Sing	Accompanied by Matt Bejune, French Horn, and Deb Bonneau, Flute
	<i>Wassail</i>
	<i>Dreidel</i>
	<i>The First Noel</i>
	<i>Deck the Halls</i>
	<i>Jingle Bells</i>
	<i>We Wish You A Merry Christmas</i>

UPCOMING & HOLIDAY 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

Saturday, December 24

7 pm: Annual Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Ecumenical Service,
Bethel Lutheran Church, Auburn

Sunday, January 1

Guest Speaker Rev. Jen Innis

Sunday, January 8

Annual Ask the Minister Service

Welcome to Vespers!

From Merriam-Webster:
Main Entry: ves·pers
Pronunciation: \ves-pərz\br/>Function: noun plural but singular or
plural in construction
Usage: often capitalized
Etymology: Anglo-French *vespres*,
from Medieval Latin *vesperae*, from
Latin, plural of *vespera*, evening; akin
to Latin *vesper*, evening star
1 : the sixth of the canonical hours
that is said or sung in the late
afternoon
2 : a service of evening worship
The UUCW Definition: A special
evening service before Christmas
where we celebrate our special
community and connection in the
spirit of the holiday season!
Please join us in Fellowship Hall after
Vespers for our annual Vespers Tea!

Reading *The Woods in Winter* Rev. David Miller
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Choral Anthem *Candlelight Carol* by John Rutter

* **Candlelighting Ceremony** Rev. Aaron Payson & Robin Mitzcavitch, Director of Religious Exploration
Silent Night / Night of Silence words and music by Daniel Kantor

As the choir sings "Night of Silence", the candles will be lit. At the signal from the Minister, you are invited to sing verse one of Silent Night. Then hum through once, then sing verse one again.

*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 Rev. Aaron Payson

Postlude *Seasonal Selections*

* Please stand in body or spirit

Thank You Notes

We would like to extend our thanks to our wonderful musicians for sharing their talents with us!

Matthew Johnsen, Music Director, Piano
Matt Bejune, French Horn
Deb Bonneau, Recorder, Flute, Piano

The UUCW Choir:

Sopranos: Dianne Mann, Shirley Traite,
Rachel & Samantha Wagner
Altos: Linda Orcutt & Moira Rouse
Tenors: Ken Basye & David Bonneau
Basses: Kim McCoy & Joe Ruiz

SERVICE NOTES

Thanks to our Service Volunteers:

Audio-Visual Team:

Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,
Chris Ryan, & Frank Sweetser

Facebook Moderator:

Sue Neaz

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:

Maya Desai & David Fields

May you all have very happy and healthy holidays!

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gathering winter fuel

Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou knowst it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes fountain.

Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I shall see him dine

When we bear them thither.
Page and monarch, forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude winds wild lament
And the bitter weather

Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer.
Mark my footsteps, good my page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shall find the winters rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.

In his masters step he trod
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye, who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Wassail

Chorus: Wassail, wassail, all over the town
Our toast it is white and our ale it is brown
Our bowl it is made of the white maple tree
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

So here is to Cherry and to his right cheek
Pray God send out master a good piece of beef
And a good piece of beef that we all may see
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

Chorus

And here is to Dobbin and to his right eye
Pray God send our master a good Christmas pie
And a good Christmas pie that we may all see
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

Chorus



Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel

I have a little dreidel,
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready,
with dreidel I shall play.
Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made you out of wood
And when you are all ready
I'll play you when I could

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made you out of glass
And when you are all ready
I'll play you on the grass

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made you out of gold
And when you are all ready
I'll play you in the cold

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and
Prancer and Vixen,
you know Comet and Cupid
and Donner and Blitzen,
But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all!

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows
All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve,

The First Noel

The First Noel the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so
deep
Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Santa came to say,
Rudolph with your nose so bright,
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight

Then how all the reindeer loved him,
As they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nose Reindeer
You'll go down in history

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)
 'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)
 Don we now our gay apparel
Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)
 Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
 Fa la la la la, la la la la

 See the blazing yule before us
Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)
 Strike the harp and join the chorus
 (Fa la la la la, la la la, fa la la la la, la la la la)
 Follow me in merry measure
Fa la la la la, la la la la, fa la la la la, la la la la
 While I tell of Yuletide treasure
 (Fa la la la la, la la la la)

 Fast away, the old year passes
Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)
 Hail the new, ye lads and lasses
(Fa la la, la la la, la la la, la la la, fa la la, la la la,
 la la la la)
 Sing we joyous all together, oh
 Heedless of the wind and weather
 Fa la la la la, la la la la (hey)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
 new year
Chorus: Good tidings we bring to you and
 your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
 new year
 Oh, bring us some figgy pudding (x3)
 And bring it right here

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
On a one horse open sleigh
 O'er the fields we go,
 Laughing all the way
 Bells on bob tail ring,
 making spirits bright
 What fun it is to laugh and sing
 A sleighing song tonight

Chorus: Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells,
 Jingle all the way
 Oh, what fun it is to ride
 In a one horse open sleigh
 Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way
 Oh, what fun it is to ride
 In a one horse open sleigh

A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride,
 And soon Miss Fanny Bright
 Was seated by my side;
 The horse was lean and lank
 Misfortune seemed his lot
 We got into a drifted bank,
 And then we got upset.

 Chorus
 Now the ground is white
 Go it while you're young
 Take your love tonight
 And sing this sleighing song
 Just get a bob tailed bay
 two-forty as his speed
 Hitch him to an open sleigh
 And you will take the lead

 Chorus
 Chorus

 We won't go until we get some (x3)
 So bring it right here

 Chorus
 We all like our figgy pudding (x3)
 With all its good cheers

 Chorus
 We wish you a merry Christmas (x2)
 We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
 new year

Holiday Poinsettias Given for 2022

Anne Armstrong

~ In Loving Memory of
Lucille Armstrong

Debbie Merrill & Ken Basye

~ In Loving Memory of
**Our Fathers Jay Merrill
& Dr. Charles Basye**

Loree Burns

~ In Loving Memory of
**Cathy Dorman-Griffin
& Gerald L. Burns**

Cristina Heffernan

~ In Loving Memory of
Louis Allen & Lindquist Woll

Brendan Larkin-Connolly

~ for **The Larkin-Connolly Family**

Carole Howe

~ In Loving Memory of
Margret Howe

Marilyn Martin-Raymond

~ In Loving Memory of
Wanda Martin

Linda Morse

~ In Loving Memory of
Lucille Marion Webster

Kim Napoleone

~ In Loving Memory of
Sharon Templeman

Sue Neaz

~ In Loving Memory of
**Jackie and Paul Ciance and
Evelyn and Paul Neaz**

The Payson Family

~ In Loving Memory of
**Rev. Robert E. & Marcia Payson and
Kenneth & Jane Shuman**

Beth Posner-Waldron

~ In Loving Memory of
Paul & Gladys Gustafson

Linda Rich

~ In Loving Memory of
Jim and Rosemary Rich

Maryan Ryan

~ In Support of
the UUCW Flower Fund

Beckley & David Schowalter

~ In Loving Memory of
Jane Schowalter

Sharon & Tanner Tarnuzzer

~ In Loving Memory of
Sharon Templeman

Craig & Deborah Van Batenburg

~ In Loving Memory of
Our mothers Lilian & Shirley

***People who contributed to the Flower Fund are welcome to take a
poinsettia home with them after the Vespers Service.***



