



ORDER of VESPERS for Sunday December 19, 2021

Believing in a community that unites all people

Prelude	<i>Seasonal Selections</i> Music Director Matthew Johnsen	
Tolling of the Bell and Moment of Silence		
Opening Words	<i>The Shortest Day</i> of the Year by Susan Cooper	Rev. Margaret Gifford
Choral Introit	<i>For So The Children Come</i> by Sophia Fahs/Jason Shelton	UUCW Choir
The Light of the Holidays Part I	Matt Bejune, Narrator Based on The Light of Christmas by Richard Paul Evans (adapted by Robin Mitzcavitch and Rev. Aaron Payson)	
Choral Song	<i>O Christmas Tree</i>	
Yule Log Lighting	The Trowbridge Family	
Welcome	Rev. David Miller	
* Processional Hymn <i>Good King Wenceslas</i>		
The Light of the Holidays Part II	Amaya Turner-Clarke, Narrator	
Trio	<i>Wexford Lullaby</i>	David Bonneau, Vickie Cox-Lanyon, & Moira Rouse
The Light of the Holidays Part III	Anya Sweetser, Narrator	
Choral Anthem	<i>All The World is Winter</i> by Ruth Elain Schram & Celsie Staggers	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Cheryl Leshay	
Solo	<i>A Place Called Home</i> by Allen Menken	David Bonneau, Baritone
Offertory	<i>Snowman</i> arr. Howard Blake	Deb Bonneau, Pianist
The Light of the Holidays Part IV	Charlie Heffernan, Narrator	
Choral Anthem	<i>Gifts for the World</i> by Galen Foulke	
The Light of the Holidays Part V	Vieve Sweetser, Narrator	

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

*Minister's Emergency Fund
Collection at all Holiday Services

Friday, December 24, 2021

*7 pm - Annual Christmas Eve
Service
The Promise of Peace

*Sunday, December 26

A Christmas Kahoot! - On Zoom
Only!

Sunday, January 2

Annual Ask the Minister Service

Welcome to Vespers!

From Merriam-Webster:

Main Entry: vespers
Pronunciation: \ves-pärz\
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

Hymn Sing

The First Noel
The Little Drummer Boy
Frosty the Snowman

Jingle Bells
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
We Wish You A Merry Christmas

The Light of the Holidays Part VI

George Bejune, Narrator

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
Wexford Lullaby Trio: Vickie Cox-Lanyon,
Moira Rouse & David Bonneau*

The UUCW Choir:
Sopranos: Vickie Cox-Lanyon,
Rev. Cheryl Leshay & Dianne Mann
Altos: Andrea Cruz, Peg Daley,
Linda Orcutt, & Moira Rouse
Tenors: Ken Basye & David Bonneau
Basses: Kim McCoy & Joe Ruiz

SERVICE NOTES

Thanks to our Service Volunteers:

In Person Audio Team:
Bruce Leshay & Frank Sweetser

Facebook Moderator:
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:
Maya Desai & David Fields

May you all have very happy and healthy holidays!

The Light of the Holidays Players

Alexander: *Baylen*

Old man & Keeper of the flame: *Simon*

The gift of the Kinara: *Anya & Vieve*

The Gift of Sheep:

Shepherds: *Eisley and Anya*

Sheep: *Coraline, Claire and friends*

The gift of the Menorah: *Reid & Grier*

The gift of the Diwali lamps: *Flora and friends*

The gift of the Muslim Dance: *Fidelma*

The gift of the Christmas Ornament: *Russell*

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 (x2)

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 (x3)

Born is the King of Israel!

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.

The Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me
Pa rum pum pum pum
A new born king to see
Pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the king
Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum
So to honor him
Pa rum pum pum pum
When we come
Little baby
Pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too
Pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give our king
Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum
Shall I play for you
Pa rum pum pum pum
Pa rum pum pum
Pum pum pum pum
Mary nodded
Pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time
Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for him
Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for him
Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum
Then he smiled at me
Pa rum pum pum pum
Me and my drum

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman
Was a jolly happy soul
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal
Frosty the Snowman
Is a fairytale they say
He was made of snow, but the children
know
How he came to life one day
There must have been some magic
In that old top hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around
Oh, Frosty the Snowman
Was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh
and play
Just the same as you and me
Frosty the Snowman
Was a jolly happy soul
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal
Frosty the Snowman (snowman)
Knew the sun was hot that day (hot
that day)
So he said, "Let's run, and we'll have
some fun
Now before I melt away"
Frosty the Snowman
Had to hurry on his way
But he waved good-bye, saying, "Don't
you cry
I'll be back again some day!"

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

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

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

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
new year

And sing this sleighing song
Just get a bob tailed bay
two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! you'll take the lead

Chorus

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,
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

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

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
new year

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

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
new year

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

Holiday Poinsettias Given for 2021

Pauline Courchesne

~ For Irene Marois

Melissa McKeon & Annie Colby McKeon

~ For Madeleine McKeon

Susan Crossley

~ For my friend **Gina Grudzinski**

Debbie Merrill & Ken Basye

~ For my brother **Lang** and our fathers

Jay Merrill and Dr. Charles Basye

Jenny DelGizzi

~ For **Violet and Red Lambert**

Kim Napoleone

~ For **All Healthcare Staff**

Peg Gifford

~ For **Deborah Gifford**

The Payson Family

~ For **Rev. Robert E. & Marcia Payson**

Nancy Hancock

~ For **John Patterson**

Tom Pierce

~ For **Rita Pierce**

Cristina Heffernan

~ For **Lois Woll**

Beth Posner-Waldron

~ For **Gladys & Paul Gustafson**

Suzanne LaRue

~ for **Patricia and Author LaRue**

Linda Rich

~ For **Jim and Rosemary Rich**

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

~ For **Nell Myers**

and **Patricia Stewart McCormick**

The Sweetser Family

~ For **Sharon Jellison**

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



