



The Wonder of Christmas



24 December 2022
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

The Wonder of Christmas

Order of Service

December 24, 2022 6:30 pm

The winter trees stand watch
haloed in the last gleams of the slanting sun.
Glory sings here.
Heaven echoes the call:
Repeat the sounding joy.

—Rev. Rebecca Parker

Music for gathering

Vanessa Vesely,
UUCK Accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy
by Pyotr Tchaikovsky
Benny Hovancsek, piano

Words of Gathering

Colleen Thoele,
Director of Religious Education

Chalice Lighting

As a sign of the love that brings us together
As a symbol of this season's message of hope
As a witness to the light of truth within and among us
With a joyful spirit on this shining night
We kindle our Christmas flame.

Opening Hymn

#231 Angels We Have Heard on High

Reflecting

Reading

The Animals' Christmas Eve
by Gale Wiersum

Carol

Away in a Manger
Words, anonymous; Music, James R. Murray

Reading

Another Star, Another Night
by Richard S. Gilbert

Carol *#228 Once in Royal David's City*

Offering *Go Tell It Where I Send Thee*
by Pepper Choplin
The UUCK Peace Choir

The Christmas Story *the Gospel of Luke*
We'll create the story together.

Lighting of the Candles
Please keep lit candles upright
and tip the unlighted candle into the lit candle.

Reading *Silent Night, Holy Night*
by Rev. Dan Schatz

Hymn *#251 Silent Night*

Returning

Extinguishing the Chalice and our candles

We extinguish these flames
but not the light of truth, the spirit of joy,
the warmth of community, or the fire of Christmas hope.
May we carry these in our hearts and minds
until we are together again.

Benediction

Postlude *Away in a Manger*
Played by Don Easterling, David Smeltzer, and Susanna Smart



Christmas Day: Unwrapping Christmas
11 AM in Hobbs Hall
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Kathy Kerns

New Year's Day January 1, 2023
10 am in the sanctuary
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Heidi Shaffer Bish

Activities & Events: December 18 - 25, 2022

<https://kentuu.org/calendar/>

Dec. 18 Sunday *Happy Hanukkah!*

9:30 AM Auction Planning
10:00 AM Brass Quartette Rehearsal
11:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Social Hour
4:30 PM UUYJ

Dec. 19 Monday

6:00 PM OWL
7:00 PM Spiritual Practices Class

Dec. 20 Tuesday

5:30 PM Brass Quartet

Dec. 21 Wednesday

Dec. 22 Thursday

5:30 PM Tone Chimers
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Dec. 23 Friday

3:00 PM Caroling

Dec. 24 Saturday

6:30 PM Christmas Eve Service
7:15 PM Social Hour
8:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 25 Sunday

11:00 AM Christmas Service

For more information, read the e-nUUs.
kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/

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Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
so may we when life turns hard
find in love our stay and guard.

Shepherds came to see this wonder,
and to kneel in holy awe
at that lowly stable manger
where the infant lay on straw;
so may we this happy morn
honor every child that's born.

From afar three magi journeyed
to that stable rude and bare,
to pay homage to the infant,
offering gifts both rich and rare;
so may we our gifts bestow,
whether we be high or low.

In that happy Christmas spirit,
hear the angels from on high
sing their ancient salutations:
joy's a gift you cannot buy.
So may we with heart that sings,
share the truth this season brings.

Silent Night

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.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,"
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
child of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.