



# 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 8:30 pm

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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

## **Gathering**

Music for gathering

The Tarnished Brass Ensemble

Welcome

Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate

Chime

Prelude

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* trad. 9<sup>th</sup> century  
The UUCK Peace Choir

Chalice Lighting

Elaine Bowen,  
Worship Associate

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.

Call to Worship

*the Gospel of Luke*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

Processional Hymn

#253 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Vanessa Vesely, UUCK Accompanist

## **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

*A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer,  
and sharing our joys, wonder and awe*

Music Meditation

*Choral Meditation on 'The Holly & the Ivy'*  
music by Daniel Godsil

Reading *We Have an Old Story to Tell* by Gretchen Haley

Carol *Go Tell It Where I Send Thee*  
by Pepper Choplin

Reading *How the Light Comes* by Jan Richardson

Carol *#246 O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Reading *Another Star, Another Night* by Richard S. Gilbert

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

Homily *The Wonder of Christmas*

Offering *Once, So Long Ago* by Katie Grigg-Miller  
Performed by Katie Grigg-Miller,  
Vanessa Vesely, and the UUCK Tone Chimers

Lighting of the Candles

*Please keep lit candles upright  
and tip the unlighted candle into the lit candle.*

Song of Peace *#388 Dona Nobis Pacem*

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 *Angels We Have Heard on High*



*Christmas Day: Unwrapping Christmas  
11 AM in Hobbs Hall  
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Heidi Shaffer Bish*

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## Activities & Events: December 18 - 25, 2022

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

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### 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

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For more information, read the e-nUUs.  
[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/)

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
(yellow house) next to the church building



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## O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus, Dominum.  
[O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.]

Lo, humble shepherds, hasting to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.  
We, too, with gladness, thither bend our footsteps;  
venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus, Dominum.

[O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus, Dominum.  
[O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.]

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth.  
Let praises ring: from God they bring  
goodwill to all on earth.

How silently, how silently  
the wonder is made known,  
while God imparts to human hearts  
the gift that is our own.  
No ear may hear that coming,  
but in this worldly din,  
where souls are truly humble, then  
the dear babe rests within.

### 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.

### Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona nobis pacem, pacem; dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem; dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem; dona nobis pacem.

## 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.