



the stuff of stars



22 December 2024
Colleen Thoele, DRE
Sandy Eaglen
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

The Stuff of Stars

Order of Service: 11:00 AM

December 22, 2024

Music for Gathering

Katie Hovancsek and
Benny Hovancsek

Welcome and Announcements

Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

Chime/Chalice Lighting

by Erik Walker Wikstrom, adapted

Each of the stars in the heavens is unique, an individual,
yet together they form the night sky;
Each of us here is unique, an individual,
yet together we are a congregation;
For stars in the sky and for this community,
in gratitude, we light this chalice.

Opening Words

Colleen Thoele

Opening Hymn

#238 *Within the Shining of a Star*
Benny Hovancsek, piano

Call to Worship

The Stuff of Stars
by Marion Dane Bauer
Raylynn Rome, Native American flute

*Congregational Covenant

by James Vila Blake

Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law. This is our great covenant to dwell together in peace to seek the truth in love and to help one another.

*Covenant Response Hymn

Oh, Watch the Stars
Traditional American Folk song

Star Bright: A Christmas Story

by Alison McGhee and Peter H. Reynolds

Joys and Sorrows

Musical Meditation

Do You Hear What I Hear?
lyrics by Noël Regney, music by Gloria Shayne
Children's Ensemble

Herald: The Story of the Christmas Star

by Kathy Born

Special Music

The First Noel
Trad. English Carol, arr. David Foster
Abby Kuras and Rafael Gregorious, vocals

Offering

Offertory

The Christmas Wish
by Danny Wheetman
Lo Thoele and Meredith Wakefield, vocals
Kailani Walker, guitar

Closing Words

Come and See
by Monica Mayer

Closing Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. May we carry these in our hearts and minds until we are together again.

Benediction

Each Night a Child is Born is a Holy Night
by Sophia Lyon Fahs
Raylynn Rome, Native American flute



Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024

6:30 PM, an all-ages worship service

7:30 PM Fellowship Hour

8:30 PM, candlelight service

Next Sunday, December 29, 2024

One service at 11 AM

Led by CLM Lori Mirkin-McGee and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

Note: Zoom will not be available for this service.

Activities & Events: Dec. 22 - 29, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Dec. 22 Sunday

9:15 AM Worship
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Congregational Town Hall

Dec. 23 Monday

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

Dec. 24 Tuesday

6:30 PM All-ages Christmas Service
7:30 PM Fellowship Hour
8:30 PM Candlelight Christmas Service

Dec. 25 Wednesday

Merry Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah!

Dec. 26 Thursday

Dec. 27 Friday

5:15 PM Hobbs Hall Market set up

Dec. 28 Saturday

6:00 AM Rental Hobbs Hall Kitchen
8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall
2:00 PM Hobbs Hall reset
3:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall

Dec. 29 Sunday

11:00 AM Worship – One service only

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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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Oh, Watch the Star, trad.

Oh, watch the star! See how it shines
Oh, watch the star! See how it shines
The star shines down for the wisemen to see
Oh, watch the star! See how it shines!

#238 *Within the Shining of a Star*

Within the shining of a star
we catch a glimpse of who we are;
in every infant born we see
the hope of our nativity.

The miracle of each new birth
can shake and save the stony earth;
triumphantly the newborn's cry
strikes echoes from the waiting sky

Angels We Have Heard on High, trad.

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

Chorus: Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

[Chorus]

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

[Chorus]



A Cast of Stars

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Adi Gleason
Raylynn Rome

Lola Thoele
Katie Hovancsek

Star Bright

Benny Hovancsek

Meredith Wakefield

Herald: The Story of the Christmas Star

Iona Packer
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Adi Gleason
Caleb Parker

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Katie Hovancsek
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Come and See: A Christmas Story

Stella Diehl
Meredith Wakefield

Adi Gleason
Kailani Walker

Lo Thoele
Rafael Gregorious

MANY THANKS TO THESE BEHIND THE SCENES STARS

MaryBeth Hannan
Julie Swango

Kara Kramer
Kate Garner

and all the caregivers that have shared their STARS with us!

Directed by: Sandy Eaglen and Colleen Thoele

