



Christmas Eve: Lessons and Carols
Rev. Kim Mason
December 24, 2024
Order of Service

Gathering Music		Allen Hoffman, Piano and Organ
Ringing of the Bowl		Sue Fazio
Welcome		Sue Fazio
Prelude	<i>Chorale Prelude on Picardy</i> by Robert Powell	Allen Hoffman, organ
Call to Worship		Rev. Kim Mason
Congregational Carol #226 People Look East		
Chalice Lighting & Advent Wreath		Sue Fazio
Congregational Carol #225 Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel		
Reading	<i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	Sue Fazio
Carol	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	First Unitarian Church Choir
Reading	<i>The Best Christmas Pageant Ever</i> , Part I By Barbara Robinson	Rev. Sabrina Trupia
Congregational Carol #241 In the Bleak Midwinter		
Prayer		Rev. Kim Mason
Carol	<i>Do You Hear What I Hear?</i>	First Unitarian Church Choir
Reading	<i>The Work of Christmas</i> by Howard Thurman	Sue Fazio
Call for Offering		Rev. Kim Mason
Offertory	<i>I Will Light Candles</i>	First Unitarian Church Choir

Reading

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Part II
By Barbara Robinson

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Reflection

Rev. Kim Mason

Candle Lighting & Congregational Carol #251 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!"

Christ the Savior is born,

Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night!

Child of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace

Jesus Lord, at Thy birth,

Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!

Wondrous star, lend thy light.

With the angels let us sing

"Alleluia to our King."

Christ the Savior is born,

Christ the Savior is born.

Benediction

Rev. Kim Mason

Recessional #245 Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord has come:

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing,

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

Let righteousness its glories show

*As far as love is found, as far as love it found
As far, as far, as love is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

***Poinsettias adorning the sanctuary provided by Mary Anderson, Sue Ashwell,
Cynthia Jocelyn Bauer, Mike Bray, Helen Cadoret, Lori Calcaterra,
Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Sarah Dashner, Kay and Larry Dusenbery, Linda Fiehler,
Tom Finan and Pam Geppert, Paula Hanssen, Joel and Gwenne Hickman, Betty Neill,
Kimberly Perry, Cathy Rauch, John and Carole Watson, Margaret Weck and Jamie Laing,
and Kathy Wire***

Serving Us this Evening

Ushers: Emily Jaycox and Carl, Sherry and Margaret Bassi

Greeters: Lynn Hunt and Kathy Wire

Music Notes

Picardy is a 17th century French melody.

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Christmas Eve Designated Collection - Southside Early Childhood Center

The mission of the Southside Early Childhood Center is to create lasting opportunities in the lives of our children—and their families—by providing the best in early childhood education and support services. Their mission is put into action through the four pillars of education, health, connection, and advocacy. In 1886, a group of Unitarian women created the first “day nursery,” or child care center, west of the Mississippi River to ease the burden of childcare for immigrant families. Today, that historic organization is called SouthSide Early Childhood Center. It is an invaluable resource for St Louis City children and their parents offering quality education and enrichment opportunities to a diverse group of children across socio-economic, racial and cultural backgrounds.

Nominated by **Kimberly Perry**.

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**Welcome to this religious community
where we affirm the dignity, worth, and freedom
of all who enter our doors.**

Here we seek to live together in relationship and respect so that we may embrace and celebrate our differences. Understanding that we need not think alike to love alike, our religious values invite us to a shared journey of truth and meaning. Sincerity and connection guide our religious community, and call us into deeper association with ourselves and our world.

We welcome people of all ages, races, classes, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities. First Unitarian Church of St. Louis is a *Welcoming Congregation* committed to the inclusion of LGBTQIAA+ individuals, families and communities in the life of our congregation. We are a *Green Sanctuary Church*, committed to sustainable practices and ethical consumption on our building and grounds.