

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

Christmas Eve, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Please be sure you picked up a candle as you came in. After your candle is lit, you may move the cup up to cover the flame. Please place your candle in one of the receptacles by the door as you leave.

Organ Prelude *Voluntary on an Old English Carol*
English, adapted Arthur S. Sullivan

Welcome **Sebastian Glaspey**

Musical Offering **Flute & Clarinet Choir:**
Sidney Benard, Susan Curtiss, Maeve Gallagher, Juli Gould, Isla Rowe,
Patty Simon

Hallelujah from Messiah
by G. F. Handel, arr. Forest Loomis-Dulong

Opening Words by Patrick Green **Rev. Beau Rivers**

Opening Carol* #253 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Lighting of the Advent Candles **Sebastian Glaspey & Rev. Beau**

Carol* #231 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Musical Offering **Chalice Choir**
Stables by Peter Mayer, arr. Jason Shelton

Reading **John Mullen**
Joseph Was a Quiet Man anon.

Pageant **Kelly Lownds & UU Middleboro Children**

Pageant Music **Shelley Otis, Celtic Harp**
Away in a Manger – Cradle Song Trad., arr. Otis

Sung Chorus #1061 *For So the Children Come*

Refrain: *Each night a child is born is a holy night;*
A time for singing, A time for wondering,
A time for worshipping,
Each night a child is born is a holy night.

Reading **Dody Adkins-Perry**
Christmas Is Subversive by Kendyl L. R. Gibbons

Carol* #244 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Homily *Finding Joy* **Rev. Beau Rivers**

Carol* #235 *Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly*

Musical Offering **Chalice Choir**
I Saw Three Ships Trad., arr. Philip W. J. Stopford

Offertory **Shelley Otis, Celtic Harp**
Three Tunes for Christmas Traditional, arr. Otis

Musical Offering **Tony Soares**
Silver Bells by Jay Livingston & Ray Evans

Musical Offering **Arthur Celestin, piano**
Holiday Medley

Reading by Rivers in the Ocean **Rev. Beau Rivers**

Musical Offering **Kate Melchior**
O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam

Candle Ceremony **Rev. Beau & Kelly Lownds**

Circle of Light* #251 *Silent Night* (See last page) **Shelley Otis**

Holiday Blessing by Kenneth Phifer **Rev. Beau Rivers**

**Please stand.*



Minister: **Rev. Beau Rivers**

Director of Music: **Susan Land Hotchkiss**

Director of Religious Exploration: **Kelly Lownds**

Greeters: **Wayne Christian & Dorine Levasseur
and Alan Melchior & Sarah Person**

Sound: **JR Pucillo-Dunphy**

Live Streaming: **Dan Hotchkiss**

Christmas Chalice Choir

Ruth Iampietro, piano

Patty Simon, flute

*Dody Adkins-Perry, Nancy Backus, Holly Begley, Cindy Benard,
Rick Benard, Jim Bonnar, Susan Curtiss, Kathleen Dascoulias,
Kimberly French, Dan Hotchkiss, Marc MacQueen, Mal Marvill,
John Mullen, Sarah Person, Andrea Priest, Ed Priest, Patty Simon,
Jeff Stevens, Nicola Wilbar*



Silent Night, Holy Night

Words by Joseph Mohr
Music by Franz X. Gruber

**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.**