



Davies
Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation

**A Christmas Eve Service
of Lessons & Carols**

**December 24, 2024
2pm**

I. ENTERING

Lobby Bell Rings

Prelude

Alex Chan

Welcome

Pastor Kirk

Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

Everyone

Hymn #253

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;

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

II. CENTERING

Chalice Lighting

Pastor Kirk

Carol

Once in Royal David's City

Everyone

Hymn #228

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.

III. ORDERING CHAOS

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

Gloria Loudermilk

Pale Blue Dot
by Carl Sagan

Steve Loudermilk

Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Everyone

Hymn #246

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.

IV. BLESSINGS ABOUND

Second Lesson

Matthew 5:3-10

Sheri Verdonk

Choose to Bless the World
by Rev. Rebecca Parker

Carol

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Everyone

Hymn #225

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and
with your captive children dwell.
Give comfort to all exiles here, and to
the aching heart bid cheer.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall
come within as Faith to dwell.

O come, thou Splendor very bright,
as joy that never yields to might,
O come and turn all hearts to peace,
that greed and war at last shall
cease.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall
come within as Faith to dwell.

V. IN THE DARKNESS

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Esther Zimmerman

Why I Write
by Terry Tempest Williams

Carol

***It Came Upon a
Midnight Clear***

Everyone

Hymn #244

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

For, lo! the days are hastening on by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold:
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

VI. PEACE

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:6-9

Connie Coombs

The Season of Phantasmal Peace
by Derek Walcott

Carol

***Come Thou Fount of Every
Blessing***

Everyone

Hymn #126

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our hearts to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of life's perfection fills our hearts with joy and love,
teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.

Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways.
Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day.
Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love.
With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav'n above.

VII. MAGNIFIED

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:46-55

Adrienne
York-Minor

Magnificat
by Christina Hutchins

Marie Bennett

Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Everyone

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host, proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn king!

VIII. NEW LIFE

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Pastor Kirk

IX. KEEP WATCH

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Pastor Kirk

Reflection

Pastor Kirk

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High
Hymn #231

Everyone

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.

X. THE MAGI ARRIVE

Eight Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Ginny Bridges

Why Not a Star
by Margaret Gooding

Offering

Christmas Eve Offerings Support:
the Minister's Care Fund

Pastor Kirk

Offertory

We Three Kings of Orient Are
arr. Patti Drennan

Alex Chan, Piano

XI. FIRST PERSON SACRED

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-5, 14

Jo Burch

On the Mystery of Incarnation
by Denise Levertov

XII. THE LIGHT

Introduction

Pastor Kirk

For those online: you are invited to light a candle and turn on your camera.

For those onsite: Pastor Kirk will light his candle from the Davies Chalice and bring the flame down the center aisle.

******To pass the flame, please only tilt unlit candles.******

Carol***Silent Night, Holy Night***
Hymn #251**Everyone**

1) 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.

3) Silent night, holy night,
Son 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.

2) 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.

XIII. THE CHARGE**Chalice
Extinguishing***The Work of Christmas*
by Howard Thurman

Christopher Bell

Benediction

Pastor Kirk

Wherever you are heading in this moment, may the love and care
of this community accompany you until we are together again!

Participants

Worship Leader	Rev. Kirk W. Freeman (he/him)
Music Director	Alex Chan (he/him)
Vocalist	Janique Evans (she/her)
Sanctuary & Zoom Tech	Lora Bennett (she/her)
Hospitality Host	Sally Jones (she/her)
Readers:	Chris Bell (he/him)
	Marie Bennett (they/her)
	Ginny Bridges (she/her)
	Jo Burch (they/them)
	Connie Coombs (she/her)
	Gloria Loudermilk (she/her)
	Steve Loudermilk (he/him)
	Sheri Verdonk (she/her)
	Adrienne York-Minor (she/her)
	Esther Zinnerman (she/her)