

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Many Unitarian Universalist congregations, including ours, have added an 8th Principle:

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

How to Make a Donation to Paint Branch

<https://pbuuc.breezechms.com/give/online>; or

Text the whole dollar amount to 301-321-7215; or

Place cash or a check in the offering basket, or mail a check to the church at: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725-0676.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

301-937-3666

www.pbuuc.org

Meeting Sundays at 3pm at:
University Christian Church
6800 Adelphi Road
Hyattsville, MD 20782



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church Order of Service



Christmas Eve

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Lula Beatty, Worship Associate

December 24, 2023

3:00 pm

REV. ANN KADLECEK, *MINISTER*
JEANNETTE JACKSON, *CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR*
SHARON WERTH, *CHALICE DANCE DIRECTOR*

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
Worship Service**

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Bailey Whiteman, Guest Music Leader

Francesco Berrett, Pianist

Pre-Service Carols starting at 2:50pm

Welcome Lula Beatty, Worship Associate

Congregational Greeting

Call to Worship Rev. Ann Kadlecek & Lula Beatty

Carol #253 *O Come All Ye Faithful (English verses)

Chalice Lighting by Howard Thurman

I will light candles this Christmas
Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.
Candles of courage where fear is ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long.

Candle for All People

Carol #246 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verse 1)

The Ancient Story Part 1 Luke 2:1-7

Carol #237 *The First Nowell*

The Ancient Story Part 2 Luke 2:8-20

Carol #231 *Angels We have Heard on High*

The Ancient Story Part 3 Matthew 2:1-12

Carol #259 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (verse 1)

Homily

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Reading by May Sarton

Lula Beatty

*** Carol #239 *Go Tell it on the Mountain***

Special Collection - donation to Prince George's County
Lynching Memorial Project

Candle Ceremony

Chalice Dancers *What Shall I Give to the Child in the
Manger*; Spanish Carol arr. Curtis Hanson

Candle Lighting

Carol *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.

Closing Words

** Please rise in body and/or spirit*

Please join us for cookies in the lobby after the service.

Next Sunday: "Guiding Lights: The Principles of Kwanzaa,"
with worship associates Lula Beatty and Carol Carter Walker

Thank you to today's volunteers!

Dancers: Abby Crowley, Marcia Freeman, Peggy
Hoffman, Karen Lee Scrivo, Ken Shilling, Sharon
Werth; Choreographer: Erika Thimey

Tech: Carol Boston, Keith Miller

Ushers: Kathy Bartolomeo & Chris Evans;
lead usher: Chris Evans

This service is recorded using a camera in the rear of the
sanctuary. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please
sit in the back couple of rows