

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

4605 Cass, Detroit MI 48201

*A proud member of the Cass Corridor Commons*

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray**, Interim Minister

**Todd Ballou**, Music Director

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*Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org);*

*email the Office Administrator at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org);*

*or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.*

*Child care available – Sunday service at 11:00 A.M.*

**Worship Coordinator:** Robert Johnson

**Sound:** Dan Wiest

**Greeters:** Maysel Brooks, Marsha Bruhn,  
Danny Rebb, Nathan Strickland

**Usher:** Jerry Williams

*Large Print Hymnals are available from our greeters.*

Thank you for joining us for our annual  
candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for  
spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit. We strive to  
liberate the truth, radiate kindness and love courageously.

We are a Welcoming Congregation. You may find more  
information at

<http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program>.



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Church of Detroit

Annual Candlelight  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2015

# “On Giving and Taking in the Stranger”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together #245 *Joy to the World!*  
#1062 *All Around the Child*  
#253 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

### WELCOME

Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

### CENTERING

Prelude

Call To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #231 *Angels We Have Heard  
on High*

Choir Anthem Todd Ballou,  
First UU Choir Director

### DEEPENING

Introduction

Story Robert Johnson  
Carol\* #237 *The First Noel*

( \*indicates times to stand in body or spirit )

## Our 7 Principles

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

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

Learn more about our UU principles and our faith at <http://www.uua.org/beliefs>

To learn more about 1stUU, please visit our website [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org) or join us Sundays at 11:00 AM



## TODAY'S MUSIC

### Prelude:

*The Joy of Christmas*

arr. Van Denman Thompson

### Offertory:

*The Holly and The Ivy*

Traditional Carol / arr. Chip Davis

### Choir Anthem:

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Words by Brother Conrad of Mainz (1587)

Music, Alte catholische geistliche  
Kirchengesang Cologne (1599)

Harmonized by Michael Praetorius (1609)

### Recessional:

*A Bach Merry Christmas*

J. S. Bach / Traditional English / arr. Arthur  
Frackenpohl

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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### DEEPENING *cont'd*

Story

Nancy Owen-Nelson

Carol\*

#241 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Story

Mary Lou Malone

Carol\*

#244 *It Came Upon the Midnight*

*Clear*

Story

Kathleen Jacobs Johnson

Carol\*

*O, Holy Night* (SEE INSERT)

Homily

Offering

### RETURNING

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Form Circle ~ Pass the Light

Carol\*

*Silent Night* (SEE INSERT) 3 verses,  
and then humming

Benediction\*

Recessional

Congregation may exit to the  
Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and  
conversation

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**Carol: O, Holy Night**

words by Placide Cappeau,  
music by Adolphe Adam (1847)

1. O, holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pinning,  
til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

*CHORUS*

*Fall---- on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night---- divine, O night when Christ was born.  
O night---- divine---- O night, O night divine.*

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming.  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the wise men---- from Orient land,  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our friend.

*CHORUS*

3. Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.

*CHORUS*

**Closing Carol: Silent Night, Holy Night**

words by Joseph Mohr (1816),  
music by Franz Xavier Gruber (1818)

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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. (*Humming*)

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR  
COFFEE, COOKIES, AND CONVERSATION