

First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual  
renewal and social justice in Detroit

### Today's Music

**Prelude:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn

**Choir Anthem:** *The Huron Carol*  
Traditional French melody,  
arr. Jill Galina

**Offertory:** *Gesu Bambino*  
Frederick H. Martens and Pietro A. Yon

**Recessional:** *Have Yourself a Merry Little  
Christmas*  
Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

### First Unitarian-Universalist Church

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister  
Todd Ballou, Music Director  
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator  
Humphrey Blakemore, Social Hour Coordinator

### Today's Greeters/Ushers:

Maysel Brooks            Carolyn Ludwig  
Nate Strickland, Jr.      Sherry A. Wells

**Hearing Assistance** devices and **Large Print Hymnals** are available  
from any of our **Greeters**.

Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary,  
Alexis, at [office@1stuu.org](mailto:office@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

December 24, 2016

### "Christmas Eve - A Light in Darkness"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



Liberate Truth ~ Radiate  
Kindness ~ Love  
Courageously

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### ENTERING

Singing Together\* #245 *Joy to the World*  
#233 *Bring a Torch Jeannette, Isabella*  
#253 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#### WELCOME

Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #231 *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, UU Detroit Choir

#### DEEPENING

Lesson Luke 1:26-35  
Carol\* #241 *In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Lesson Luke 2:1-7  
Carol\* #237 *The First Noel*  
Lesson Luke 2:8-16  
Carol\* #253 *O Come All Ye Faithful*  
Lesson Matthew 2:1-12  
Carol\* #259 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*  
Sermon  
Offering

#### RETURNING

Candle Lighting Ceremony (form circle; pass the light)  
Carol\* *Silent Night* (SEE NEXT PAGE) 3 verses,  
and then humming)

Benediction\*

Recessional

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation  
(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

## Closing Carol: #251 *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)

## Announcements – December 24, 2016

### CHANCEL FLOWER DONATIONS

Today's flowers are given by Trey Greene and Colleen Dolan-Greene  
in celebration of Nick Greene's birthday!

### Sunday Sermons

12/25 NO SERVICE

1/1 11:00 AM Sermon, "Poetry as Visionary Resistance"  
**Speaker:** Tawana Petty

What does it mean to resist and what role should vision play in our  
resistance? Toni Cade Bambara said, "The role of the artist is to make  
revolution irresistible." Tawana Petty — mother, social justice organizer,  
youth advocate, poet, author and visionary educator — strives to  
embody that responsibility.

1/8 11:00 AM Sermon, "Truth and Meaning"  
**Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Continuing our monthly series on the Seven Principles of the Unitarian  
Universalist Association, Rev. Murray will focus on the Fourth  
Principle, "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

1/15 11:00 AM Sermon, "MLK and Civil Disobedience"  
**Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

As we approach the inauguration of our 45th President, many  
communities are considering how they will engage and disengage with  
this new administration. It is helpful to look to the example of The Rev.  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for how moral force can encounter political  
power for positive effect.

1/22 11:00 AM Sermon, "A New America?"  
**Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

In the aftermath of the 2016 election, we have heard about a troubling  
rise in disturbing behaviors which many would describe as racist and  
anti-immigrant, including the national story that originated out of Royal  
Oak here in Michigan. Is this a new American reality, or is this  
indicative of who we were already?