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

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**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.**

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**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**  
December 24, 2016  
“Christmas Eve - A Light in Darkness”  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

**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

CHANTEL FLOWER DONATIONS
Today’s flowers are given by Trey Greene and Colleen Dolan-Green 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?