

USG - Unitarian Society of Germantown
Building Beloved Community with Compassion, Service and Empowerment

December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve, 6:00pm Service



~Looking into the Manger~
The Candlelight and Carol Service

Guest Minister Rev. Libby Smith
with Music Director Mark Daugherty and the USG Choir



WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO MAKE THIS SERVICE POSSIBLE

Below are a few of those people.

Worship Associate: Tom Ott

Musicians: Music Director Mark Daugherty (piano), and the USG Choir with soloists Beverly Gross-Spencer, Robert Hefele, and Betsy Gabriel

Ushers: Shobhi Kanal (Lead Usher), Tim Spencer, Eric Foster, Maggie Chapman, Richard Clarey, Steve Conrad

Sound Technicians: David Ward and Robert Williford

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Please silence cell phones.

OPENING WORDS		Tom Ott
PRELUDE	<i>Mary, Did You Know?</i> Words, Mark Lowry; Music, Buddy Greene	Robert Hefele, tenor
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Into This Bright Circle</i> Author unknown	Rev. Libby Smith
CAROL	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> by John Francis Wade	
READING	<i>A Christmas Prayer</i> by M. Maureen Killoran	Avery Collier Hamill & Frances Gardner
CAROL	<i>Do You Hear What I Hear?</i>	
MUSIC	<i>Jesus, What a Wonderful Child</i> by Mark Hayes <i>What Child Is This?</i> by Grant Cochran	Beverly Gross-Spencer & The USG Choir
READING	<i>Each Night a Child is Born</i> by Sophia Lyon Fahs	
CAROL	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
HOMILY	<i>Looking into the Manger</i>	Rev. Libby Smith
SHARE THE PLATE* AND ADORNING OF THE MITTEN TREE	<i>USG & The Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network</i>	Carolyn Scott
OFFERTORY	<i>Somewhere in My Memory</i> by John Williams	USG Choir
LIGHTING OF CANDLES		Tom Ott
MUSIC	<i>O Holy Night</i> by Adolphe Adam	Betsy Gabriel, soprano
CAROL	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	
BENEDICTION	<i>O Spirit That Is Ours</i> by Linda DeSantis	
POSTLUDE	<i>Hallelujah from Handel's Messiah</i>	USG Choir

*Please make checks out to USG and write "USG & PIHN" in the memo line.
Please return candles and carol booklets to ushers.

May you enjoy a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND FRIENDS

Multi-stall rest rooms are off the Dining Room on the first floor and single stalls are in the Bristol Room below the Narthex at the entrance near Lincoln Drive. Please ask an usher for directions.

If you would like a hearing assist device, please ask an usher.

Childcare is unavailable during the Christmas Eve services, but the Wiggle Room is just off the Narthex (behind the Sanctuary) for those who need a little break. PlayPacks are also available to use during the service. Please just ask an usher.



Join us ...

on Sunday, December 29, 2019, 10:30am

From Awe to Integrity: Right Relations with Our UU Heritage

Guest Speaker Caroline Bright

As we transition from our December theme of "Awe" to our January theme of "Integrity," we are still journeying through the Christmas season. Unitarians and Universalists have an important shared Biblical heritage and Christian foundations that we can't ignore if we want to maintain right relations with our past. Come join us for a joyful and sincere spin through UU history as we examine our past and see how it can inform our vision for the future. *Caroline Bright is a Master of Divinity student at Meadville-Lombard Theological School, one of two UU seminaries remaining in the United States, and a member of USG.*



on Sunday, January 5, 2020, 10:30am

Jazz Funeral for the Old Year! Rev. Kent Matthies & the Barbone Street Jazz Band

An Intergenerational Worship Service

This may be the best New Year's party yet! Bid goodbye to the Old Year and "second line" dance your way into the New Year. In Beloved Community with Dixieland Jazz, you can also rededicate which core values you want to live out going forward.



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Childcare is available every Sunday, 9:00am - 12:00pm. Child and Youth Programs resume on Sunday, January 12.

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