

### The Next Two Weeks at USG

If you are interested in any of the following events, please find further details at [usguu.org](http://usguu.org) or in one of our newsletters or contact [communications@usguu.org](mailto:communications@usguu.org) or [welcoming@usguu.org](mailto:welcoming@usguu.org). We would love to talk to you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December 12</b> 10:30a: Worship Service inside in the Sanctuary and on Zoom  10:30a: OWL in Sullivan+  10:45a: CSD <b>Greens Workshop-</b> Continuing after service for Adults, too  5:00p: Breathe on Zoom  6:00p: Youth Group in USG Kitchen & Labyrinth	<b>13</b> 10:00a: <i>Wissahickon Walks</i>  7:30p: <i>Racism Book Study Group</i>	<b>14</b> <b>9:00-11:00a: Food Pantry Collection in the USG Courtyard</b>	<b>15</b> 2:30p: <i>Meditations for Midweek on Zoom</i>  7:30p: <i>Young Adult SGM</i>	<b>16</b> 10:00a: <i>Wissahickon Walks</i>  7:15p: <i>Thursday Night Mindfulness with Jesse</i>  9:00p: <b>BLUU Worship Service* on Zoom, co-led by Latifah Griffin-Rogers</b>  <i>*a Black sacred space</i>	<b>17</b> 9:30a: <i>Yoga with Esther on Zoom</i>  10:30a: <i>Book Group at Cathedral Village</i>	<b>18</b> 9:30a: <i>Yoga w Esther on Zoom</i>  10:00a: <b>Greening of the Sanctuary</b>  2:00p: <i>ROOT in Edna Jones Room</i>  6:00p: <b>Winter Solstice Fire Wheel</b> in Grove, Labyrinth, Parking Lot
<b>19</b> 10:30a: Worship Service inside in the Sanctuary and on Zoom  10:30a: OWL in Sullivan+  10:45a: CSD Games+Crafts in Edna Jones Room  12:00p: UU-101 on Zoom  1:00p: Youth D&D in Edna Jones Room  2:00p: BLUU Box on Zoom  5:00p: Breathe on Zoom	<b>20</b> 10:00a: <i>Wissahickon Walks</i>  7:30p: <i>Handcrafters on Zoom</i>	<b>21</b> 1:30p: <i>Handcrafters on Zoom</i>  7:00p: <i>EarthSpiritCircle YULE Ceremony on Zoom</i>  7:00p: <i>GJC Confirmation Youth in Edna Jones Room</i>	<b>22</b> 2:30p: <i>Meditations for Midweek on Zoom</i>  7:00p: <i>Images of the Divine on Zoom</i>  <b>7:00p: Blue Christmas Service</b> in USG Sanctuary & on Zoom--with Rev. Kent Matthies & Rev. McKinley Sims	<b>23</b> 10:00a: <i>Wissahickon Walks</i>  7:15p: <i>Thursday Night Mindfulness with Jesse</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>4:00p: Family Christmas Eve service</b> in Sanctuary & on Zoom  <b>6:00p: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service</b> in Sanctuary & on Zoom	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**See page 2 for the Holidays and Holy Days Services!**



# USG - Unitarian Society of Germantown

*Building Beloved Community with Compassion, Service and Empowerment*

## Sunday, December 12, 2021



*Out of the Darkness,  
Into the Light---  
And Finding Joy in Between*

**Intern Minister Latifah Griffin-Rogers**  
and Barbara Browne, Visiting Music Coordinator



## HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS SERVICES

USG, UU of Mt. Airy (Restoration), and First UU will share some holiday worship services in person and on Zoom!

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 7pm Blue Christmas Service at USG

Christmas Eve Family Service, 4pm at USG

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6pm at USG

Sunday, Dec. 26, 11am Kwanzaa Service at UUMA

Sunday, January 2, 11am Worship Service at First UU

Sunday, January 9, 10:30am Jazz Funeral for the Old Year at USG

**More details to come!**

THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

We thank all the folks who do a little or a lot to make every Sunday at USG meaningful, beautiful, and welcoming. So many people contribute. Below are some of those people.

**December’s Guest Musician: Barbara Browne.** From cafés to concert halls, Barbara performs an eclectic and vibrant repertoire as a solo and collaborative pianist. She has served as adjunct piano faculty at Cabrini University in Radnor PA, vocal coach and accompanist at Westminster Choir College and University of Delaware and performs with singers and instrumentalists in a number of musical genres. Barbara has performed, taught, and accompanied at numerous other institutions including University of the Arts, Luzerne Music Center, St. Joseph's University, Villanova University, Immaculata University, Bennington College and The Savoy Company of Philadelphia. A Conservatory Dean's Talent Award winner at Oberlin Conservatory, she earned a degree in English and studied piano with Robert McDonald, Eleanor Sokoloff and Susan Starr. She lives in Philadelphia.

Worship Associate: Jess Stanforth  
Sound Technician: Bob Williford  
Camera Operator: Eric Foster  
Usher: Lynne Kalish, Andrea Parry  
Welcome Table: Carla Campbell, Sam Stormont  
Zoom Team: Carolyn Scott, Celeste Lamb  
Sexton: Mike Rogers

ORDER OF SERVICE  
Sunday, December 12, 2021

INGATHERING MUSIC	<i>Clair de lune</i> by Claude Debussy	Barbara Browne, piano
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Kent Matthies
RINGING OF TIBETAN PRAYER BOWL		Intern Minister Latifah Griffin-Rogers
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>We honor the time of darkness...</i> by Anon. UU member for ICUU Global Chalice Lighting, December 2018	
CHALICE LIGHTING		
PRELUDE	<i>Santa Lucia</i> arr. Henri Rosellen	Barbara Browne, piano
STORY FOR ALL AGES	<i>The Tomte</i> by Viktor Rydberg	Worship Associate Jess Stanforth
GO NOW IN PEACE		Congregation, humming <i>Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.</i>
CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY & THE WORLD		Mrs. Latifah Griffin-Rogers
PRAYER/ MEDITATION	<i>Lux Aeterna</i> from <i>Enigma Variations</i> by Edward Elgar	Barbara Browne, piano
SPIRIT OF LIFE	by Carolyn McDade	Congregation, humming <i>Spirit of Life, Come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.</i>
SERMON	<i>Out of the Darkness, Into the Light---</i> <i>And Finding Joy in Between</i>	Mrs. Latifah Griffin-Rogers
MUSIC	<i>I Saw the Light</i> by Hank Williams <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> , American Gospel song of unknown origin	Barbara Browne, piano
OFFERING		Jess Stanforth
OFFERTORY	<i>I'm Beginning to See the Light</i> by Duke Ellington (arr. Brent Edstrom)	Barbara Browne, piano
CLOSING WORDS	<i>Solistic Thank You</i> by Latifah Griffin-Rogers	Mrs. Latifah Griffin-Rogers
EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE		
POSTLUDE	<i>Carolina Shout</i> by James P. Johnson (arr. Dick Hyman)	Barbara Browne, piano

*If you are on Zoom, please accept the invitation to join a Breakout Room for Fellowship.  
If you are in person, please enjoy chatting with others at various places on the USG campus, while remaining mindful of observing USG’s Covid-safety protocols.*