



Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Savior's birth is celebrated,
This bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad,
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is that time.
Hamlet Act 1 Scene 1

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 24, 2021, 4:00PM

Prelude

Ave Verum Corpus

East Shore Mighty Choir

Ring of the Bell

* **Singing In Christmas #235**

Deck The Halls

Choral Introit

Midnight Grace

Opening Words

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

Chalice Lighting & Response

We light this chalice to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly
because they are our siblings in spirit;
To take good care of the earth because it is our home;
And to try to live lives filled with goodness and love
because that is how we will become the best people we can be.

* **Christmas Carol #231**

Angels We Have Heard On High

Christmas Eve Prayer

Story for All Ages

The Birth of Jesus
from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

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Choral Anthem

Still, Still, Still

Reading

"Said the Innkeeper"
Myles Connolly

Christmas Carol #253

O Come All Ye Faithful

The Magic of Christmas

The Three Kings by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
King John's Christmas by A. A. Milne

Christmas Appeal

100 % of tonight's offering will go help Afghan Refugees. All donations go to the Operating Fund which supports this and other programs. Donations can be made by texting ESUC \$20 (or any dollar amount) to 73256 or can be dropped off in the box by the Sanctuary.

Choral Anthem

Three Dog Handel

Closing Reading

"At Christmastime"
Howard Thurman

Passing the Flame

* **Closing Carol #251**

Silent Night

Postlude

Let it Snow/Let it Be

#235 Deck The Halls

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la la, la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la la, la la la.
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la la, la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.

#231 Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

(Chorus)
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

(Chorus)

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

(Chorus)

#253 O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Lo, humble shepherds, hasting to his cradle,
leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.
We, too, with gladness, thither bend our footsteps;

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

*When lighting LED candles, please turn the bulb at the top.
When lighting wax candles, please tip the UNLIT candle to light.
After the service, please blow out/turn off your candle
and place them in the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary.*

#251 Silent Night

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.

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.

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.

With special thanks to Scott McLean



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ESUC NEWS

Returning to In-Person Worship Planned for January 23: Your Board of Trustees approved a motion to open the sanctuary for multi-platform (both on Zoom and in person) worship services on January 23 as long as there is not another spike. The details of how that works, all of them, are in the hands of the staff. Of course they listen to congregants' ideas, but the decision is theirs. So, please go along with their requests, and please be patient as we work out any bugs. Please look for the new re-opening plan in the January Beacon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Note: ESUC Office will be closed and staff is off December 25-January 1. Happy Holidays!

Christmas Eve Online Service: Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Our 7:00 Christmas Eve service will be online over Zoom. The sanctuary will be festooned with garland and candles, and Reverend Furrer will deliver his Christmas message from the sanctuary pulpit. Musical guests Brenda David and Paul Rosenberg together with Director of Music Eric Lane Barnes will sing holiday favorites in beautiful three-part harmony. Join via Zoom 842 3572 3367, Passcode: yule

Religious Education for Children & Youth: Sunday, January 2, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): World building and imaginative play: Join us in the Sanctuary to construct a new world. Bring a pillow and a blanket. What can we learn about community, individualism, and cooperation from building an epic pillow fort? Join us to play and see. Parents are invited to volunteer or attend the Family Covenant Circle in E-201.

Snowshoeing on the Pass: Sunday January 16, 1:30 p.m. (Field Trip): Middle and high school youth outdoors, along with youth advisor Mark Norelius, on a fun adventure into the wild woods of I-90. We would leave from ESUC and return by 8 pm. This youth outdoors program will include snowshoeing, sledding and dinner cooked over an open fire in the snow. You can bring your own equipment or check in with the church about borrowing equipment. We have snowshoes to share.

Young Adult Ministry Begins: Sunday, January 23, 11:30 a.m. (In Person): We are launching a Young Adult Ministry in the New Year for UUs. If you're 18-35 years old! Our first gathering will be on Sunday, January 23 following the worship service, and we plan to continue meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month. Contact amanda alice uluhan, Director of Religious Education, for more information and find details in the weekly Thursday eblasts.

Fourth Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Join us as we discuss Cold Millions by Jess Walter. An intimate story of brotherhood, love, sacrifice, and betrayal set against the panoramic backdrop of an early twentieth-century America that eerily echoes our own time, The Cold Millions offers a kaleidoscopic portrait of a nation grappling with the chasm between rich and poor, between harsh realities and simple dreams. Join Zoom 896 7249 9304, Passcode: 403930

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR DUWAMISH NEIGHBORS: We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of indigenous peoples: the Duwamish, Snohomish, Tulalip, Snoqualmie, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Suquamish, and Wenatchi nations, among others. We recognize the impact of settler colonialism on these peoples. We pledge to nurture our relationship with our Coast Salish neighbors as we work to restore and sustain their homelands upon which we all depend.



East Shore Unitarian Church is proud to publicly support the Black Lives Matter movement. This stance is in alignment with the values of our faith and is also endorsed by the UUA. More information can be found at www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement.