



# Order of Service

Sunday, December 1, 2019 ■ Services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

## Holiday Services

Friday, Dec. 20  
Winter Solstice  
Service, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22,  
one service at 11:15  
a.m., Annual  
Christmas Pageant.

Tuesday, Dec. 24,  
Christmas Eve,  
4 p.m. Family  
Service; 8 and 10  
p.m., Candlelight  
Services.

Sunday, Dec. 29,  
one service at 11:15  
a.m.



Our December plate collection will go to the First Unitarian emergency fund. This fund helps members facing critical needs like loss of housing, utility shutoff, or some other unexpected necessary expense. This is how we build Beloved Community in our congregation.

**\*Gathering Hymn #226**

“People, Look East”

**Chalice Lighting**

**Welcome**

Dana Buhl, Director of Social Justice

**Introit**

“A Jubilant Song”  
Norman Dello Joio

Chancel Choir  
DeReau Farrar, Director

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Bill Sinkford

**\*Hymn**

“One Earth, One Sky”

**\*Responsive Reading**

“We Give Thanks”  
Amanda Udis-Kessler

**\*Doxology #123**

“Spirit of Life”

**Offertory**

“Prelude in F Major”  
J.S. Bach, arr. Charles Maggs

Marguerite Bells  
Amanda DuPriest, Director

**Pastoral Concerns and Prayer**

Dana Buhl

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn #1062**

“All Around the Child”

**Reading**

“We are Waiting”  
Leslie Takahashi

**Anthem**

“Spiritus Sanctus”  
Daniel Brinsmead

**Sermon**

“Waiting for New Life”

Rev. Sinkford

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn #141**

“I’ve Got a New Name”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Pavana”  
William Byrd, arr. Charles Maggs

**\*Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

## ■ TODAY'S FIRST CONNECTIONS

**What Does Membership Mean?** Come and learn about what it means to be a member of First Unitarian. Why take that step? There will also be a chance to sign the membership book and to become an official member. 10:30 a.m., Channing.

**Sunday, Dec. 8. Holiday Traditions at the Church?** Come and learn about some of the holiday traditions at First Unitarian. Including the Christmas Pageant, the Winter Solstice Service, and the Alliance Greens Sale.

## ■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

**No Learning Community Classes.** Childcare only for ages 4 and under.

**Alliance Pre-Greens Sale.** Last day to order wreaths to be shipped to loved ones and special greens for your home, which you can pick up on Dec. 8, 15.

**Walk the Labyrinth.** Walk-in prayer, meditation, contemplation, for discerning resolutions, or as the next steps on your journey. The labyrinth will be open at 9:30 a.m. and will close at 1 p.m. A-108.

**Annual Fair Trade Bazaar.** Unique autumn event to benefit women and their families. 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Buchan Reception.

## ■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

**Sunday Afternoon Childcare.** Childcare is offered for all ages from 1–3 p.m. while you attend an event or meeting at church. Request care for your child(ren) at the Eliot Info Desk by 1 p.m. that day. Staff are released at 1 p.m. if no one has requested care by then.

## ■ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Mark Your Calendars! Seminary for a Day with Special Guest, Rev. Robert Hardies.** Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information visit: [firstunitarianportland.org/registration](http://firstunitarianportland.org/registration).

**Getting to 30.** Join other parents for support and understanding as we discuss the book "*Getting to 30: A Parent's Guide to the 20-Something Years*". No charge. Advanced registration required. Mondays, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 24, 7–9 p.m.

## ■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Speaking of Justice's Eighth Issue on What Does White Supremacy Culture Have to Do with UUs?** Find the link in the *Front Steps* e-News or subscribe here: [www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/](http://www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/).

**LGBTQIA+ Pride Alcohol and Drug Free, Holiday Party.** White elephant holiday finger food potluck party! Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m., Buchan Reception. For more information or to volunteer, visit our Pride table located in Margaret Fuller Hall after service.

**COHHO Holiday Gift Drive.** Sign up to donate a gift for Portland Homeless Family Solutions' (PHFS) holiday party in December for their families. Contact Cynthia at [cohho@firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:cohho@firstunitarianportland.org) or visit the COHHO table in Margaret Fuller Hall.

## ■ OTHER NEWS

**Holiday Giving Trees.** The Learning Community, Mental Health Action Group, and Animal Ministries will be collecting gift cards, mittens, hats, and companion animal items from Dec. 1-15 in the Sanctuary Narthex and Buchan Atrium. Contact [nbeezley \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:nbeezley@firstunitarianportland.org) for more information.

**Alliance Luncheon Program.** Come sing along with us, and with our own Rich Scher! Wednesday, Dec. 4. Catered lunch (\$15) in Buchan at 11 a.m. and program in Eliot Chapel, 12:30–1:30 p.m. RSVP to [allianceRSVP \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:allianceRSVP@firstunitarianportland.org) or call Jean Omelchuck at 503-493-9412.

**History Comes to Life!** Come see artifacts from the Church's history. Visit the new display case across from the information desk next to the Eliot Chapel. Then check out the restored mosaic in the courtyard.

**Beacon Bookstore.** Rev. Marilyn Sewell's newest book, *In Time's Shadow: Stories about impermanence* is now available. The 2019 UUA in Spirit Meditation Manual has just been released: *Spilling the Light* by Teresa Soto. We have many other volumes in this series, including *To Wake, To Rise* by Rev. Sinkford. Each title is just \$8.

**Give the Joy of Flowers for Sunday's Service.** The holidays are a great time to remember loved ones and family by sponsoring chancel flowers. Contact Marsha at 503-954-3534 or [marshamwarner\[at\]comcast.net](mailto:marshamwarner@comcast.net).

**First Unitarian Neighborhood Connections.** Our rideshare program helps match riders with drivers and is organized by ZIP code. To learn more, contact Maina Ptolemy, 503-803-8991 or [mainaaptolemy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:mainaaptolemy@gmail.com).

**Update Your Church Contact Info Online.** Go to the Contact link (upper right corner) on the First Unitarian homepage ([www.firstunitarianportland.org](http://www.firstunitarianportland.org)). Click the Contact Information Update Form.

**SNOW? ICE? FREEZING RAIN?** If an event, class, or rehearsal has been cancelled, check the church website, Facebook, or call the church office at 503-228-6389 and listen to the recorded announcement for details. Remember, your good judgment is your best guide!

**Sunday Parking Reminder.** U-Park: SW 12th between Main and Salmon: No charge Sundays, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. NOTE: This parking lot is free only on Sundays until 4 p.m. City Center: SW 11th and Main: No charge Sundays, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Lawyers' Lot: SW Main between 12th and 13th: No charge Sundays, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. This lot is never available weekday evenings.

**Please Recycle Your UU World Magazines.** Drop off only recent issues at the Newcomer Table or the office.

## **Do You Get the Weekly e-News from the Church?**

The best way to know what's going on at the church is through the weekly e-News. It comes to your email on Thursdays and has up-to-date information on events at the church. To sign up, go to our homepage, scroll to the bottom, and sign up on the form provided.