



# Order of Service

Sunday, December 8, 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.



Flowers are given by  
Sue Harvey in  
celebration of her  
birthday today. Happy  
birthday!



This week's plate  
collection will go to  
support the quality of  
music ministry at First  
Unitarian Portland.

**\*Gathering Hymn #225** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

## Chalice Lighting

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

"For Maia"  
Gary Johnson

Rev. Bill Sinkford

## \*Hymn #241

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

## Responsive Reading

"The Carols We Sing"  
Edward Frost

## \*Doxology #123

"Spirit of Life"

## Introduction

## Choral Message

"A Ceremony of Carols"  
Benjamin Britten

Chancel Choir  
with Denise Fujikawa, harp  
John Boelling, Director

1. Procession  
with "Into the Darkest Hour"  
Madeline L'Engle

4a. That yongë child

4b. Balulalow

2. Wolcum Yole

"O viridissima virga, Ave"  
Hildegard von Bingen

3. There Is No Rose

5. As Dew in Aprille

"From spiraling"  
E.E. Cummings

6. This Little Babe

## Offertory

7. Interlude

## Pastoral Concerns and Prayer

## Silent Meditation

"Remembering That It Happened Once"  
Wendell Berry

9. Spring Carol

8. In Freezing Winter Night

10. Deo Gracias

"Rondeau"  
Charles D'Orleans

11. Recessional  
"The Work of Christmas"  
Howard Thurman

## Prayer

## \*Hymn #244

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

## Benediction

## Postlude

"Passacaglia"  
G.F. Handel

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

## ■ TODAY'S FIRST CONNECTIONS

**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. 10:30 a.m. Channing.

## ■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

**UU Board Forum.** Come and learn more about our senior minister transition process. 1:30–3 p.m., A-108.

**Alliance Greens Sale.** Handmade items, donated treasures, homemade treats, and gorgeous wreaths. Margaret Fuller Hall and some items (but no wreaths) will be available in the Buchan Atrium after each service.

**Younger Adult Potluck Brunch.** We'll gather for food and fellowship. Drop-ins welcome. 12:30–2:30 p.m., B-304. Childcare is provided starting at 1 p.m.

**Solar Power Viewing and Dedication.** The solar panels on our roof are almost ready to start generating clean electricity! Join us to dedicate and launch the solar panel program. 1 p.m., B-101.

## ■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

**Child Dedication, Sunday, Feb. 16.** A unique Unitarian Universalist ceremony that welcomes infants and children into the First Unitarian community. Church membership is required. Contact Cassandra Scheffman, Director of Family Ministries, by Thursday, Feb. 6 if you want more information or would like to participate. Email: [cscheffman@firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:cscheffman@firstunitarianportland.org).

**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

**Mindful Movements for Everyone.** This is for all bodies, ages, and abilities. Fee: \$10 per class. Details: Thursdays, 6–7 p.m., Dec. 12, Jan. 2, 23, Feb. 6, and 20. Advanced registration appreciated, but drop-ins are warmly welcome. Pay online or cash/check at the door.

**Mark Your Calendars! Seminary for a Day: *Spiritual Practice for Difficult Times*.** Are you yearning for greater depth in your spiritual life? Join us for a day of workshops, music, and exploration with Rev. Robert Hardies from All Souls Church in Washington, D.C., and many other Unitarian Universalist teachers. Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Lunch provided. 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

**Social Justice Sunday.** We'll gather with songs and family friendly programming to affirm our congregational commitment to justice. December will highlight our giving trees donations to the community. Sunday, Dec. 15, 1-2:30 p.m., Buchan Reception.

**Tamale Plate lunch.** Come purchase a plate and then join our Social Justice Sunday gathering. Sunday, Dec. 15, 12:45-1:30 p.m., Buchan Reception.

**Animal Ministry Vegan Potluck.** Please bring a vegan dish to share. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 29, 1 p.m., Buchan Reception.

**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

**Chancel Holiday Décor.** Sponsor beautiful greens for our Chancel seasonal display in honor or memory of a loved one. Write a check for \$16 to First Unitarian Portland and send it to Zaida Cooper at the church office. Include your name and the person you are honoring or memorializing.

**Holiday Giving Trees.** The Learning Community, Mental Health Action Group, and Animal Ministries will be collecting gift cards, mittens, hats, pet food, and companion animal items from Dec. 8–15 in the Sanctuary Narthex and Buchan Atrium. Contact [nbeezeley@firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:nbeezeley@firstunitarianportland.org) for more information.

**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.

**Give the Joy of Flowers for Sundays Service.** To give flowers after Jan. 5 for the chancel, contact Marsha at 503-954-3534 or [marshamwarner@comcast.net](mailto:marshamwarner@comcast.net).

**Beacon Bookstore.** Your bookstore has great books for holiday giving, including children's books, the new **CHINOOK BOOK**, and many others. Give the gift of reading and support your church at the same time.

**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@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!