



Order of Service

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

Holiday Services

Friday, Dec. 20,
Winter Solstice
Service, 7 p.m. Note
service is on Friday,
Dec. 20 and not on
Saturday, Dec. 21.

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.



Text and translations
for choral music in
our services are on
our website under
Worship/Music and
Arts.



Our December plate
collection will be
shared with 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 #240** "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Chalice Lighting

Welcome

Rev. Thomas Disrud

Introit

"Sing Noel!"
Betty Dardess

Sofia Singers
and Beacon Bells

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Sinkford

*Hymn #256

"Winter Night"

*Responsive Reading

"We Must Shine"
Christian de la Huerta

*Doxology #123

"Spirit of Life"

Offertory

"Melodi"
Alf Harum

Signe Lusk, piano

Pastoral Concerns and Prayer

Rev. Disrud

Silent Meditation

Hymn #233

"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

Reading

"In the Struggle, Singing, Shining"
Victoria Safford

Anthem

"Do You Hear What I Hear"
Gloria Shayne

Amanda DuPriest,
mezzo soprano

Sermon

"The Master's Tools"

Rev. Sinkford

Prayer

*Hymn #245

"Joy to the World!"

Benediction

Postlude

"Angels Crossing"
Tom Grant

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

■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

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. 1–2:30 p.m., Buchan Reception.

Tamale Plate Lunch. Come purchase a plate and then join our Social Justice Sunday gathering. 12:45–1:30 p.m., Buchan Reception.

Holiday Giving Trees: Last Day for Donations! The Learning Community, Mental Health Action Group, and Animal Ministries will be collecting gift cards, mittens, hats, pet food, and companion animal items in the Sanctuary Narthex and Buchan Atrium.

Last Day to Enjoy the Alliance Greens Sale. Handmade items, donated treasures, homemade treats, and gorgeous wreaths in Fuller Hall. Some items (no wreaths) in Buchan Atrium.

■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

Annual Christmas Pageant. All are welcomed at this wonderful and joyous service put on by the children of our congregation. Originally presented in 1924 in honor of the first Christmas in our then-new church on the corner of SW 12th Ave. and Salmon, this pageant in its various iterations has been an annual tradition here at First Unitarian. Sunday, Dec. 22, 11:15 a.m., Main Sanctuary.

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\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:cscheffman[at]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., Jan. 2, 23; Feb. 6, 20. Pay online or at the door.

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.

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*. Advanced registration required. Monday, Jan. 27; Feb. 10, 24, 7 p.m.

Igniting Voices: A Celebration of Transgender Lives and Stories. We invite all people, transgender or cisgender, to join us for this joyous community event! Details: Saturday, Feb. 22. Performances from 3–4:30 p.m. followed by a community night market supporting local transgender agencies and businesses from 4:30–6 p.m. Stay tuned for ticket information!

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

Ending the Income/Wealth Gap. Beacon Bookstore has Les Leopold's book, *Runaway Inequality, an Activist's Guide to Economic Justice*, at just \$10—just in time for holiday giving. Proceeds to Poor People's Campaign.

■ OTHER NEWS

Winter Solstice Service. This is a time of darkness moving toward light. What can we learn from this time of rest, renewal, and looking forward? As we gather on the longest night of the year, let us honor both the light and the darkness of this season of our lives. Please join us for this special annual service. Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., Main Sanctuary.

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.

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.

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

SNOW? ICE? FREEZING RAIN? To see 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!

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 [mainaptolemy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:mainaptolemy[at]gmail.com).

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