



# Christmas Pageant Order of Service

Sunday, December 22, 2019 ■ Service at 11:15 a.m.

## Holiday Services

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 Carol #246** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

## Chalice Lighting

## Welcome

Rev. Thomas Disrud

**\*Carol #231** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

## Parish Concerns and Prayer

## Offertory

"Away in a Manger"  
Karl Osterland

Joe O'Donnell, organ

## Our 95th Christmas Pageant

Rev. Bill Sinkford  
Amy LaRosa-Peters, Director

**\*Carol #245** "Joy to the World"

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



## ■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

**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. The labyrinth will also be up on the evening of Christmas Eve in B-102.

## ■ 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 \[at\] 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., Jan. 2, 23; Feb. 6, 20. Advanced registration appreciated, but drop-ins are warmly welcome. Pay online or cash/check 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](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.

**Igniting Voices: A Celebration of Transgender Lives and Stories.** 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

## ■ 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.

**December/January Art Wall.** With our eyes on our phones or focused on the future and missing the world of the now, photographs can help us focus and see the world we know so well in new or different ways. The exquisite black and white images of Adrian Kuester help us do just that.

**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 Services.** To give flowers after Jan. 5 for the chancel, 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 [mainaptolemy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:mainaptolemy@gmail.com).

**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!

**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.

**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. [www.firstunitarianportland.org](http://www.firstunitarianportland.org) or call the church office at 503-228-6389.

**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.

**Naming First Unitarian in Your Will.** Help assure the long-term sustainability of this beloved congregation by including The First Unitarian Church Foundation in your will. Contact Erin at [etafuri \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:etafuri@firstunitarianportland.org).