

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

A SILENT NIGHT,
A HOLY NIGHT

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Rev. Michelle Collins,
Interim Minister

Sunday, December 24, 2023
5:00 pm



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Heidi Souza, piano

"O Holy Night"

CHRISTMAS WELCOME Rev. Michelle Collins, Interim Minister

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Susan Marcinkus, Worship Associate

"I Will Light Candles This Christmas," by Howard Thurman

*We will light candles this Christmas...
Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Rev. Michelle Collins

CAROLS

"Joy to the World"

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

"Away in a Manger"

SILENT NIGHT...

STORY OF "SILENT NIGHT"

Rev. Michelle Collins

by Howard Culbertson

ANTHEM WUU Choir, directed by Kim Ness, Music Director

"Silent Night"

HOLY NIGHT...

READING

Susan Marcinkus

Luke 2:1-20, New Revised Standard Version

CAROL

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

STORY

Susan Marcinkus

“The Point of Greatest Need,” by Howard Thurman

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ALL IS CALM...

PRAYER

Rev. Michelle Collins

“This Is a Holy Night,” by Debra Haffner

CANDLES OF LOVE & REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Michelle Collins

“Mary’s Cradle Song,” traditional

Heidi Souza, piano

SHARING OUR GIFTS

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Today’s offering will go to our Journey to Asylum program, in support of families seeking safety, just as Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus were in the Christian story from long ago. It wouldn’t be possible without your financial support. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

WUU Choir, directed by Kim Ness

“In the Bleak Midwinter,” text by Christina Rossetti,
music by Gustav Holst

STORY

Rev. Michelle Collins, Susan Marcinkus & others

“A Silent Night,” by Stanley Weintraub

ALL IS BRIGHT...

HOMILY

Rev. Michelle Collins

SHARING THE LIGHT

CAROL

“Silent Night”

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Michelle Collins

“The Work of Christmas,” by Howard Thurman

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