

**Winchester Unitarian Society**  
Christmas Eve, 2021 – 7:00 pm

**Carols on the Bell Tower**

John Kramer, Bell Ringer

**Invocation**

The Rev. Heather Janules

**Community Greeting**

**Ringing of the Bell**     *The bell that calls us to worship is a gift from our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania.*

**\*Carol**                             *O, Come All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Lo, humble shepherds, hasting to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.  
We, too, with gladness, thither bend our footsteps;  
O come, let us adore him...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
"Glory to God in the highest":  
O come, let us adore him...

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning.  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,  
O come, let us adore him...

**Gathering Music**     *Quand Jesus Naquit á Noël by Claude Balbastre*

John Kramer

**Welcome**

Heather Janules

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**A Reading From the Gospel**

Matthew 1 18-24

Peter McEntee

**Kindling the Chalice**     “For So the Children Come” by Sophia Lyon Fahs (Adapted)  
Dedicated and Kindled by Tyson Kamikawa

Celebrating the births of Hayden Avery Khuen, born July 17<sup>th</sup> · Campbell Stone Cashion, born October 27<sup>th</sup> · Millie (Miller) Samuelson Randall, born November 8<sup>th</sup> · Rosalie Crain Newhouse, born December 6<sup>th</sup>

**A Reading From the Gospel**

Luke 2 8-14

Peter McEntee

**\*Carol**                             *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! (2x)

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! (2x)

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! (2x)

**Reading**

“The Flame is Burning Still” by Bob Janis-Dillon

Ivan Correia

**Homily**

“You're Muted”

Heather Janules

**Anthem**

*Christmas Day*, Gustav Holst

WUS Adult Choir

**Offering** All gifts placed in our offering plates tonight will benefit the ministries of our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania. Thank you for your generosity!

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit <https://www.winchesteruu.org/giving/how-to-give/>

**Offertory**

*A Child is Born*, Thad Jones

**Prayer**

By the Rev. Nagy László

Translation read by Szabó Hanna-Bíborka

Karácsonykor, itt Erdélyben mi Jézus születésére emlékezünk. Karácsonyt még nevezik a születés, a szeretet, a család, az öröm ünnepének is. Az évszázados szokásaink viszont a család fontosságára figyelmeztetnek minket.

A család mellett a barátság jelentősége is helyet kap ezen az ünnepen. Erdélyben még nagyon sok településen elmennek minden házhoz és karácsonyi énekekkel köszöntik a ház lakóit.

Templomaink megtelnek és örömekeket énekelünk. Karácsonykor a mi szeretetgondolataink bejárják a világot. Mindenkinek van más országban élő rokona, barátja, vagy ismerőse.

Marosvásárhelyen, a Bolyai téri unitárius templomban a karácsonfa békét árasztó fényében szeretettel és hálával gondolunk winchesteri hittestvéreinkre. Lélekben együtt vagyunk és hisszük, hogy eljön a nap, amikor újra találkozhatunk.

Kívánunk örömteli, békés ünnepeket és egy félelem, veszteség és gyász nélküli új esztendőt!  
Kívánjuk, hogy a világvárvány megállítható legyen, hogy az ember újból méltósággal élhessen.

Úgy legyen!

**Meditation**

Heather Janules

**\*Carol***Silent Night*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the savior, is born!"

Silent night, holy night, son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Bearing Our Light Into the World** *At this time, please return to the Bell Tower Terrace with your candles still lit. Please be careful of flame and melting wax with companions and carpets! And please be sure to bring your orders-of-service.*

**\*Carol***Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove,  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

**Benediction***"The Work of Christmas"* by Howard Thurman

When invited to do so, please read responsively:

One: When the song of the angels is stilled,  
Many: When the star in the sky is gone,  
One: When the kings and princes are home,  
Many: When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
All: The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

**Benedictory Blessing****Carols on the Bell Tower**

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Many thanks to Sheila Rudolph-Correia and James Pidacks  
for serving as Ushers this evening.