

**Winchester Unitarian Society**

Order of Service

**Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm**

**Prelude** *Sonata No. 6 in G Major, J.S. Bach*

John Kramer

**\*Processional 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...

**Invocation and Welcome**

The Rev. Heather Janules

**Chalice Lighting and Kindling the Advent Candles** The Wright/Brokaw Family

**Anthem**

*Fanfare for Christmas Day, Martin Shaw*

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**A Reading From the Gospel**

Matthew 1 18-25

Martin Newhouse

**\*Carol**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone,  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Christ a homeless stranger, so the gospels say,  
Cradled in a manger and a bed of hay;  
In the bleak midwinter, stable-place sufficed  
Mary and her baby, Jesus Christ.

Once more child and mother weave their magic spell,  
Touching hearts with wonder words can never tell;  
In the bleak midwinter, in this world of pain,  
Where our hearts are open love is born again.

**A Reading From the Gospel**

Luke 2 8-14

Ivan Correia

**\*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)

**A Reading From the Gospel**

Matthew 2 1-12

Peter McEntee

- Anthem** *Behold That Star*, Harry T. Burleigh
- Reflection** *Three Comings of Christ* The Rev. Cynthia Davidson
- Anthem** *The Work of Christmas*, John Kramer; Text by Howard Thurman  
WUS Adult Choir
- Reading** Matthew 5 1-16 Ivan Correia
- Homily** *Christmas Blessings* Heather Janules
- Prayer** Cynthia Davidson
- Offering** Martin Newhouse  
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Thank you for your generosity.
- Offertory** *Gift of Light and Love*, John Kramer Kirsten Hart, Solo
- Offering Affirmation** "The Stories Connect Us"  
Nagy Gizella, Unitarian Church of *Marosvásárhely*

## **A Ceremony of Candlelight**

**\*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 the Light Into the World**

**\*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.

**Benedictory Blessing**

By Susan Chorley

**Postlude**

*Joy Fantasy*

John Kramer

**Thank you for your presence tonight...and Merry Christmas!**

**Serving This Evening**

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* ·  
Peter McEntee, Martin Newhouse and Ivan Correia, *Worship Associates* ·  
The Rev. Cynthia Davidson, *Associated Community Minister* ·  
Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

Ushers: Sheila Rudolph-Correia, Fritzie Nace and Milo Ippolito

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gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.*

*Each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic gift  
from people or communities-of-color.*