

First Unitarian Church of Omaha  
December 24, 2022  
"A Very Unitarian Christmas"



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgment** - Rev. Shari Woodbury

**Prelude** - "Do You Hear What I Hear" Arr. by Carrie Underwood  
The Off Beats, directed by Judi Unger

**Chalice Lighting with Call to Worship** by Shari Woodbury

**A Very Unitarian Christmas: Introduction**

**Story for All Ages** - *Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect*  
by Richard H. Schneider, illustrated by Elizabeth J. Miles  
Presented by Amanda Burton

**Song** - "Amid the Cold of Winter" Arr. by Bret Rhoades  
The Sanctuary Singers, directed by William Miller (J Gawf, piano)

**A Very Unitarian Christmas: Carols (pt 1)**

**Carol** - 244 - It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

**A Very Unitarian Christmas: Carols (pt 2)**

**Song** - "I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day" Arr. by Sarah McLachlan  
The Off Beats, directed by Judi Unger

**A Very Unitarian Christmas: Literature (pt 1)**

**Song** - "Little Drummer Boy / Peace on Earth" Arr. by Jay Althouse  
The Sanctuary Singers, directed by William Miller (J Gawf, piano)

**A Very Unitarian Christmas: Literature (pt 2)**

with a fresh take on 'Twas the Night Before Christmas  
(by Ben Atherton-Zeman, adapted by Shari Woodbury)  
Presented by Connie DeFazio

**Carol** - 245 - Joy to the World

**A Very Unitarian Christmas: Santa**

**Song** - "Angels We Have Heard On High" Arr. by Decare  
William Miller & Judi Unger, voice (J Gawf, piano)

**Homily** - Rev. Shari Woodbury

**Offering** - for the ministry of the church's Caring Team

Offertory - "O Holy Night" Arr. by Lindsey Stirling  
Chelsea Abels, violin

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**A Christmas Prayer**

**Communion of Light**

Carol - 251 - Silent Night Sarah Copeland, soloist

**Benediction & Extinguishing of Flames**

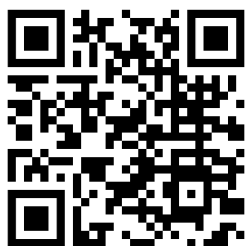
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**For families:** Children of all ages are always welcome to attend the full service with their families in our sanctuary. The service is also streamed in the Common Room downstairs (a convenient place to settle a fussy babe). The nursery is closed tonight to allow our child care staff to spend the holiday with family.



**Hearing Assist Devices** are available in the foyer – along the east wall, or ask an usher / greeter to give you one.

**Please make your body comfortable.** Feel free to knit or handle fidget toys during the service. Throughout the service, you may sit or stand as works best for your body, too (no compulsory standing for hymns). Restrooms are behind the side door of the sanctuary as you go out, and just down the stairs from the foyer.



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