

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
"A Christmas Carol" with Rev. Woodbury & Friends



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Prelude "Ukrainian Bell Carol" M. Leontovych arranged by Joseph M. Martin

Congregational Call to Worship #616 - "For So the Children Come" by Sophia Fahs

***Gathering Carol** - #253 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

Chalice Lighting - by Charles Dickens, adapted

Carol - #235 - Deck the Hall

A Christmas Carol, Part 1

with "Snow on Snow" arr. by Schram (The Sanctuary Singers)

Carol - #238 - Within the Shining of a Star

A Christmas Carol, Part 2

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

A Christmas Carol, Part 3

Carol - #259 - We Three Kings

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

Offertory - "Away in a Manger" J. Murray arranged by Joseph M. Martin *To donate online, click on the QR code or [click here](#). Thank you!*



A Christmas Carol, Part 4

Anthem "A Light of Hope, A Song of Peace" by Burrows (Sanctuary Singers)

A Christmas Carol, Part 5

with "Carry the Light" by Beck (The Sanctuary Singers)

***Carol** - #240 - I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

A Christmas Carol - Conclusion

Carol - We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Benediction - "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

Communion of Light with Closing Carol - 251 - Silent Night

Extinguishing of Flames

*** you may rise**

Thank you to all who helped bring Dickens' story to life:

Cast & Crew

Leader 1: Rev. Shari Woodbury
Leader 2: Mary Kay Peters
Narrator 1: Elaine Wells
Narrator 2: Lynne Porter
Scrooge: Amanda Burton
Bob Cratchit: Jody Petrow
Marley: Clacy Olson
Ghost of Christmas Past: Kyria Spooner
Fezziweg: Linda Parker
Belle: Samara Sanchez-Soto
Ghost of Christmas Present: Jay Sauer
Tiny Timitha: Sonali Sanchez-Soto
Mrs. Cratchit: Katrina Schmidt

Boy: Simon Sanchez-Soto
Ghost of Christmas to Come: Clacy Olson
Young Scrooge: Ava Burton
Young Apprentice: Simon Sanchez-Soto
Sound Effects: Beth Conover
Costume Maven: Kim Callaghan
Prop procurement: Elaine Wells
Sanctuary Singers Director: William Miller
Pianist: J. Gawf
AV: Caenis Bryan and Oliver Coffman
Usher-greeters: Gibson family

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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. Want a "busy basket" for small hands? Ask an usher.



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 etc. Restrooms are behind the side door of the sanctuary as you go out, and just down the stairs from the foyer.



Visitors - You may fill out a yellow Communication Card (or for those online, Visitor Form) if you would like to be added to the church's email list.

Coming up... to learn about upcoming events, classes, and other happenings in the church and beyond, scan the QR code at left. You can also subscribe / follow the church etc. on social media.

Christmas Day Potluck *Monday, Dec. 25th at 4pm in the Common Room.* Calling all singles, empty-nesters, or just hungry people! Are you interested in having a potluck with friendly UUs on Christmas Day? All we ask is that you bring a dish to share, help with clean-up, and have fun. All are welcome (need not be a member). We will meet at 4pm in the Common Room. Interested? **Please call Tricia Piatt at 402-812-3582 to RSVP.**

