



DECEMBER 24, 2025  
WHAT CHILD IS THIS?



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MARYBETH HALLINAN  
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\*Hearing-assistance headsets and large-print hymnals and orders of service are available at the back of the sanctuary.

## INGATHERING

Christmas Carol Sing-Along with the UU Peterborough Choir

## WELCOME

Todd Herrmann, UU Peterborough Governing Board

## PRELUDE

In The Bleak Midwinter (Christina Rosetti, words; Gustav Theodore Holst, music) Marybeth Hallinan, Todd Herrmann, Sarah Menard

## CHALICE LIGHTING

(Linda Hart) Beverly Spiro, Worship Committee

## CALL TO WORSHIP & TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Lane Fisher

## \* SINGING

Once in Royal David's City (Carl Seaburg, words; John Henry Gauntlett, melody; Arthur Henry Mann, harmony)

Once in Royal David's City,  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed;  
So may we when life turns hard  
Find in love our stay and guard.

Shepherds came to see this wonder,  
And to kneel in holy awe  
At that lowly stable manger  
Where the infant lay on straw;  
So may we this happy morn  
Honor every child that's born.

**Unitarian Universalism** is a living tradition that has changed in many ways from the original Christian roots of its Universalist and Unitarian heritages, and it continues to evolve today. Our congregations are bound together by six values, all of them centered in **love**:



**Interdependence:** We honor the independent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.

**Pluralism:** We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

**Justice:** We work to be diverse, multicultural, Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.

**Transformation:** We adapt to the changing world.

**Generosity:** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

**Equity:** We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

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.

\*Please rise in body or spirit

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## **UPCOMING SERVICES AT PUUC**

### **December 28 - The Call of Winter**

Worship leaders: Bev Spiro and Mike Lambert  
Guest musician: Lisa Jane Lipkin

### **January 4 - Living Resistance**

Worship leader: Leaf Seligman  
Worship associate: Claudia Dery  
Guest musicians: Gwir and Abhai Raj Llewellyn

### **January 11 - Mission Possible!**

Worship leader: Rev. Lane  
Music director: Marybeth Hallinan

In that happy Christmas spirit,  
Hear the angels from on high  
Sing their ancient salutations:  
Joy's a gift you cannot buy.  
So may we with heart that sings,  
Share the truth this season brings.

## **READING**

Luke 2: 1–14 Michael Lambert, Worship Committee

## **\* SINGING**

Angels We Have Heard on High (Earl Marlatt, words; French  
carol)

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  
Gloria, in Excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria, in Excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in Excelsis Deo

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  
Gloria, in Excelsis Deo

## **READING**

What the Angel Didn't Say (Lynn Ungar, in The Brittle  
Beauty of It All lynnungar.com) Claudia Dery, Worship  
Committee

## \* **SINGING**

Winter Night (Shirley Jackson Denham) Todd Herrmann,  
trumpet soloist

Winter night, clear and bright:  
a weary world is sleeping.  
And then a cry fills earth and sky; a newborn child is weeping.  
Hush a bye, lullaby, blessed little baby.

Drops of pain flow like rain:  
tell why your tears are falling:  
for humankind, so frail, unkind,  
or for your own life's calling?  
Hush a bye, lullaby, blessed little baby.

Holy child, Every Child,  
your life will have its season.  
And each new day your heart may pray  
for grace, for peace, for reason.  
Hush a bye, lullaby, blessed little baby.

## **CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Dottie Bauer

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

Fill the Night With Singing (Mark Patterson) UU Peterborough  
Choir

## **READING**

Worthy of Beauty (Paul S. Sawyer) Todd Herrmann, Worship  
Committee

## \* **SINGING**

On This Day Everywhere (words based on Theodorie Petri's  
Piae Cantiones; Theodorie Petri, music; arr. Gustav Theodore  
Holst)

On this day everywhere  
children's song fill the air,  
greet the child, new and fair,  
Christmas gift so holy, born in stable lowly.  
Ideo-o-o, Ideo-o-o  
Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Sweet the babe, strange his bed,  
manger hay round his head,  
cattle there in the shed,  
Mary, Joseph by him,  
shepherds drawing nigh him.  
Ideo-o-o, Ideo-o-o  
Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Magi three find their way  
by a star's shining ray  
to the child in the hay;  
give their wondrous presents,  
gold and myrrh and incense.  
Ideo-o-o, Ideo-o-o  
Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

## **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

This Child (Rev. Lane)

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

Love is Christmas (Sara Bareilles)

## **BENEDICTION**

The Work of Christmas (Howard Thurman)

## **POSTLUDE**

sung by all Silent Night, Holy Night (Joseph Mohr,  
words); Franz Xaver Gruber, music)