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## How the Unitarians Created Christmas

*Rev. Shawn Gauthier*

*In-person and live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – December 3, 2023*



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# TODAY AT UCV

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**9:15 – 10:45 am:** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Fireside)

**10 am:** Meditation Group (Meditation Room)

**10:30 am – 1:30 pm:** OWL (Hitschmanova)

**10:45/11 am – 12:15 pm:** Children's Religious Education (Lindsey-Priestley/Fireside)

**11 am:** Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

**12:30 pm:** Forum – Q&A on AI (Fireside)

**1:30 pm:** UCV Youth (Hitschmanova)

**2:30 pm:** Chalice Choir Concert – Singing the Season (Sanctuary)

Please consider signing up for our Weekly and Monthly Bulletins at [www.vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter) for a full accounting of UCV community events and announcements!

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## WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

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Silent candles can be lit anytime at the front of the Sanctuary. Community Candles are read from the book of Joys & Concerns in the Foyer and from the Live Chat on YouTube during the service. Requests for candles can also be submitted in advance at <https://ucv.im/candles> (before 9am Sunday). A candle with an orange ribbon is always lit during our worship services in remembrance of the countless indigenous children who died at residential schools, the survivors and their families.

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## TODAY'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT

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From November, 2023 to February, 2024, our Outreach Opportunities Fund recipient will be the [Food Stash Foundation](#). Food Stash Foundation has a twofold mission: **to prevent good food from going to waste and provide dignified food access to promote a thriving planet and a healthy community.** We collect over 100,000 pounds of food per month that would have gone to waste, deliver to 35 charity partners, deliver Rescued Food Boxes to 100 plus households and serve 140 rescued food market members.



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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, DECEMBER 3, 2023

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Medley of Unitarian Hymns*</i>	Elliott Dainow (piano) & Jackie Murray (violin)
<b>Words of Welcome and Land Acknowledgement</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		
<b>Opening Carol</b>	<i>STLT #226: People, Look East!</i>	
<b>Opening Words</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Time For All Ages</b>	<i>The Night Before the Night Before Christmas</i>	By Natasha Wing Read by Kiersten Moore
	<i>Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."</i>	
<b>Life of the Congregation</b>		Michael O'Neil
<b>Offering and Affirmation of Gratitude</b>	<i>Dark of Winter</i>	Shelley J. Denham* / arr. Elliott Dainow Elliott Dainow (piano) & Jackie Murray (violin)
<p>We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient through an online offering. You may use <b>text-to-give</b> now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <a href="http://ucv.im/give">http://ucv.im/give</a> for more information!) or <a href="#">donate online</a> through our secure Breeze interface.</p>		
<b>Community Candles</b>		Nancy Woodham
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Winter Night</i>	Shelley J. Denham* Elliott Dainow (piano) & Jackie Murray (violin)
<b>Reading</b>	<i>Take Christmas</i>	Christopher Raible Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Carol</b>	<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>How the Unitarians Created Christmas</i>	Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Closing Carol

STLT #244: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)*

Postlude

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear\**

Arr. Frank Mantooth  
Elliott Dainow, piano

*\* I am so pleased to have Jackie joining me today. All the hymns or carols I am playing have either lyrics or music written by Unitarians, and in some cases both music and lyrics are written by Unitarians. – Elliott*

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**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY CHRIS PEARCE.**

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