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Candlelight Service 2024

In-person and live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – December 15, 2024



Regular Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 7:30PM, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Prelude *Seasonal Favourites* Elliott Dainow, piano

Call to Celebration/Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Shawn Gauthier

**Opening Carol and
Choir Processional** #226: *People, Look East*

I. Season of Farewells and Beginnings

Readings *Landing in Edmonton, December* By Adriana Oniță
Read by Mary Lage
My Worst Habit Rumi (translated by Coleman Barks)
Read by Keith Wilkinson

Choral Response *Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind*
By Sarah Quartel
With the Chalice Ensemble

II. Season of Peace, Dark and Longing

Readings *Winter Morning* By James Crews
Read by Karl Perrin
The Winter After Your Death By Sharon Olds
Read by Leslie Hill
Christmas Sparrow By Billy Collins
Read by Patti Turner

Choral Response *Sweet Silent Night*
By Andy Beck
With the Chalice Choir

III. Season of Hanukkah

Readings *Eight Days the Light Continued
on its Own* By Nicholas Gordon
Read by Geoff Gomery

Those Who Walk in Darkness By Naomi Shemer
Read by Kathryn Aberle

Choral Response *Light One Candle*
By Peter Yarrow
With the Chalice Choir

IV. Season of Solstice

Readings *Winter Solstice* By Lynn Unger

*Value the Dark – Meditations for the
Longest Night*

Read by Tamiko Suzuki
By Patricia Montley
Read by Louise Bunn

Choral Response

Caroling, Caroling

By Wihla Hutson, Alfred Burt, arr. Michele Weir
With the Chalice Ensemble

Offering

Patapan

Arr't Tom Roed
Elliott Dainow, piano

V. Christmas With Attitude

Readings

*Reflection on the Resurgence
of Joy*

By Dori Jeanine Somers
Read by Lauren Stokes

Christmas Mail

By Ted Kooser
Read by Rory O'Brien

Choral Response

This Little Babe

By Benjamin Britten
With the Chalice Choir

VI. Christmas Full-On

Readings

The White Wolf of Winter

By Waldemar Agow
Read by Elly

Making a Poem for Christmas

By Robin Skelton
Read by Connie Wigmore

Choral Response

Riu, Riu, Riu

From *Three Spanish Christmas
Carols of the 16th Century*
With the Chalice Choir

VII. Winter Light/New Year

Readings

1937 New Year's Poem

By May Sarton
Read by Hawksey Mac Demers

The Winter of Listening

By David Whyte
Read by Catherine Ponsford

Musical Response

Variations on Dark of Winter

By Shelley Denham / arr't Elliott Dainow
Elliott Dainow, piano

Benediction

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Congregational Carol

#409: Sleep My Child



Please join us in the Hewett Centre after the service for coffee, tea, cookies, and the continuation of the Holiday Craft Fair.

Merry Christmas!

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The artwork on display in the Sanctuary has been provided by **Hilda Gerson**.

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