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## **To Wish Upon a Star**

*Rev. Shawn Gauthier*

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



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

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**9 am:** Chi Gong / Meditation (Meditation Room)

**9 am:** Lay Chaplain Team Meeting (Family Room)

**10 am – 2 pm; 6:30 to 9 pm:** Holiday Craft Fair (Hall)

**10:45/11 am – 12:15 pm:** Children's Group/Crossing Paths (Lindsey-Priestley/Hitschmanova)

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

**12 pm:** Coffee Hour / VanU Youth Lunch (Hall)

**12:15 pm:** There's Something About Mary Discussion Group

**12:30 pm:** Environment Team (Lindsey-Priestley)

**1 pm:** VanU Youth (Hitschmanova)

**7:30 pm:** Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

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## WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

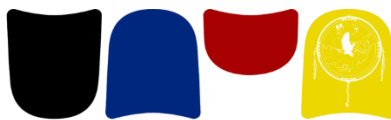
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Silent candles can be lit anytime at the front of the Sanctuary. Community Candles are read from the book of Joys & Concerns in the Foyer and from the Live Chat on YouTube during the service. Requests for candles can also be submitted in advance at <https://vanu.ca/candles> (before 9 am 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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### URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Our current Outreach Opportunities Fund (OOF) recipient is the **Urban Native Youth Association** (UNYA).

UNYA strives to support Indigenous youth by providing a diverse continuum of advocacy, preventative and support services that respond to their immediate and long-term needs. Today, UNYA delivers 20+ programs with 175+ volunteers, 100 staff, and more than 300 community partners. For more information about UNYA, please see [unya.bc.ca](http://unya.bc.ca). For more information about the Outreach Opportunities Fund, visit: [vanu.ca/oof](http://vanu.ca/oof)

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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, DECEMBER 15, 2024

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Twinkle Little Star Variations</i>	Mozart Elliott Dainow, piano
<b>Words of Welcome &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b>		Carol Siebert
<b>Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>STLT #51: <i>Lady of the Season's Laughter</i></b>	
<b>Opening Words</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Lighting the Advent Wreath</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Time For All Ages</b>	<i>Snowmen at Night</i>	By Caralyn & Mark Buchner Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Song for Leaving</b>		Suzelle Lynch & Ruben Piirainen
	<i>As you go, may joy surround you, as you go, go in peace Know our love is with you always, as you go, as you go</i>	
<b>Life of the Congregation</b>		John Omelian
<b>Offering</b>		Carol Siebert
<b>Offertory Music</b>	<i>Star Carol</i>	Alfred Burt Elliott Dainow, piano and voice

We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient through an online offering. You may use **text-to-give** now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <http://ucv.im/give> for more information!) or [donate online](#) through our secure Breeze interface.

<b>Community Candles</b>		Audrey Cook
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		Carol Siebert
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Stars</i>	George Winston Elliott Dainow, piano
<b>Reading</b>	<i>A Solstice Blessing</i>	Sheila Schuh
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>STLT #55: <i>Dark of Winter</i></b>	

**Sermon**

*To Wish Upon a Star*

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

**Closing Carol**

**STLT #235:** *Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly*

**Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

**Valediction**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again  
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## **VANCOUVER UNITARIANS MINISTER & STAFF**

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The flowers this week have been provided by **Naomi Taylor.**

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

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