

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva  
Christmas Eve Family Service  
December 24, 2019 at 3 PM  
Rev. Patrick Price & Rev. Jennifer Innis**

**SINGING CAROLS TOGETHER**

**WELCOME**

**\*CHALICE LIGHTING (Unison)**

We light this chalice to celebrate  
Unitarian Universalism.  
This is the church of the open mind.  
This is the church of the helping hands.  
This is the church of the loving heart.  
Together we take care of the earth,  
And bring peace and justice to the world.

**OPENING WORDS**

*Carol "Deck the Halls"*

**Deck the halls with boughs of holly**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**'Tis the season to be jolly,**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**Don we now our gay apparel,**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,**

Fa la la la la la la la la.

**See the blazing yule before us**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**Strike the harp and join the chorus**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**Follow me in merry measure**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**While I tell a Yule-tide treasure**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**Fast away the old year passes,**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**Sing we joyous all together,**

Fa la la la la la la la la

**Heedless of the wind and weather,**

Fa la la la la la la la la.

*Carol "O Christmas Tree"*

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,

How lovely are your branches.

All evergreen in summertime,

And in the snows of wintertime,

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,

How lovely are your branches.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,

We love this joyful season!

For when the cold and darkness start

There's warmth and light in every heart,

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,

We love this joyful season!

## MANGER AND ADVENT WREATH

Rev. Patrick Price

**Story** *The Nativity*, Illustrated by Julie Vivas,  
(adapted by Rev. Patrick Price)

**Carol** “*Away in a Manger*”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little child Jesus laid down his sweet head,  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little child Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little child Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, child Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

**Special Holiday Offering** for UUSG’s “Make a Difference”  
Fund and the Humanitarian Service Project for Seniors (Please  
note MAD Fund/HSP in Memo Line)

**Offertory** *We Three Kings*, John H. Hopkins, arr. Jeanine  
Yeager

**Story Poem** *A Visit from St. Nicholas*,  
by Clarke Clement Moore

**Carol** “*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*”

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
Better not pout

I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
He's making a list  
And checking it twice;  
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake!  
O! You better watch out!  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake!  
O! You better watch out!  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
Santa Claus is coming to town!

**Story** *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg

**Carol** "Jingle Bells"

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh

Through the fields we go  
Laughing all the way.  
Bells on bob-tail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight.

chorus: *Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, O  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.*

**\*Extinguishing the Chalice (Unison)**

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment:  
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING SONG** “*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*”

We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;  
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer.  
We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some, so bring some right here.

We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **HOSPITALITY**



Special thanks to our Pianist, Sandra Anderson, and to our Greeters and to all others who helped with this evening's Family Celebration.

Tonight at 8pm: "Service of Lessons and Carols". Seating in the Sanctuary is limited to 150 people, so get here early to get a good seat!

Tonight at 11pm: “Candlelight Christmas Eve Service”. A contemplative, peaceful service for adults and quiet youth. Worship led by Geoff Pynn with classical guitarist Paul Sargent.

Next Sunday, December 29, we will hold one service at 10 AM, our traditional Fire Ritual for the turning of the year, led by the Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher. A potluck brunch follows the service. We return to our usual schedule of worship and church school at 9:30 and 11:15 AM on Sunday, January 5. We hope to see you often in the New Year!



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### **Our Covenant** (written in 1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world, and of aiding each other in our moral and religious improvement, we have associated ourselves together—not as agreeing in opinion, not as having attained universal truth in belief or perfection in character, but as seekers after truth and goodness.