



December 24, 2022

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

**Christmas Eve**

**Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Deb Brod

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Gina Grupe, Jamie Carroll, Cari Gesikowski, Sam Gesikowski, Doreen Rose Mace

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# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Ringing the Bell**

**Welcoming Words**

**Choir** "Festive Processional," Audrey Snyder

**Chalice Lighting**

**Hymn** #235 "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly" (verses 1 & 3)

**Time For All Ages** "A Visit From St. Nicholas," Clement Clarke Moore  
read by Rev. Scot Hull

**Hymn** #237 "The First Nowell" (verses 1-2)

**Antiphonal Reading** #621 "Why Not a Star?" Led by Colleen  
Cushing

**Music** "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow," traditional spiritual, arr.  
Greg Gilpin

**Reading** Luke 2:1-7; read by Cindy Duckworth

**Music** "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head," Appalachian folk song,  
arr. William P. Gorton; Kelly Herz, solo

**Reading** Luke 2:8-14; read by Julia Friesen

**Hymn of Joy** #231 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (all verses)

**Reading** "Winter Blessing," Rebecca Ann Parker; read by Deb Brod

**Music** "In the Bleak Midwinter"

**Reading** "Litany for the Season," Peter Friedrichs; read by Steve Clark

**Hymn of Peace** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (verses 1 & 3)

**Reading** "A Christmas Prayer," Maureen Killoran; read by Tom  
Lichtenheld

**Hymn** #233 "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" (last 2 verses)

**Reading** "God is Always Needing to Be Born," Meister Eckhart; read by Colleen Cushing

**Choir** "Venite Adoremus, Gesu Bambino," Frederick Martens, Pietro Yon, John Francis Wade, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

**Offertory** "The Holly and the Ivy"  
"UUSG Make a Difference" Fund (Please note MAD Fund on memo line).

**Homily** "The Truth and the Light"

**Hymn of Love** #245 "Joy to the World!" (all verses)

**Chalice Extinguishing** "The Work of Christmas," Howard Thurman

**Benediction**

**Hymn of Light** #251 Silent Night

**Chalice Extinguishing & Dismissal**



**Thank you for joining us this evening. May you have a most happy and blessed Christmas!**

**Musicians:**

**UUSG Choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel:** Dave Hanchette, Tom Haslett, Mark Adams, Ashley Peterson, Andy Montgomery, Roger Gallentine, Anne Heavey, Linda O'Neill, Teal Cyko, Pat Vary, Katie Baar, Jessica Littlefield, Emily Clark, Kelly Herz, Julie Riffle, Rachel Harbold

**Sandra Anderson, piano**

**String quartet:** Wendy Evans, violin; Kathryn Siegel, violin; Mark Djordjevic, viola; Larry Glazier, cello