

**FIRST PARISH
CHURCH OF
STOW &
ACTON**
*Unitarian
Universalist*

Sunday, December 6,
2020
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Geneva G. H. Day
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Ken Langer

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Advent Candle Lighting

Carol

Jingle Bells Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. Dashing through the snow on a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way
Bells on bob tail ring, making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing a sleighing song tonight

Chorus: Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh.

(repeat)

2. A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot
We got into a drifted bank, and then we got upsot.

Chorus

Sharing

Covenant and Affirmation

Mike Pfitzer, Voice

Love is the spirit of this
church,
and service its law.

This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,

to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

From all that dwell below

the skies

let words of love and peace
arise.

Let joyful songs of praise be
sung,

through every land, by every
tongue.

Message for All Ages

What Is Given From the Heart

by Patricia C. McKissack

Michelle Coté, Director of Religious Education

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Introduction to Plate Sharing

Kaia Stern, Concord Prison Outreach

Sharing Our Gifts

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas M. Wilson

Mike Pfitzer, voice

This month we share our weekly offering with Concord Prison Outreach

Checks may be made to “First Parish Church” and sent to the Church at:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

We also invite you to donate by text to (978) 310-3309;

or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

Sermon

St. Nicholas Day The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #248

O We Believe in Christmas

1. O we believe in Christmas, and we keep Christmas day;
and we will honor Christmas the ancient worldwide way:
the Christmas of all peoples, the sun's returning cheer
rung out from towers and steeples at midnight of the year.
2. Shine out ye lights of Christmas from hearth and tree and
star!
And let the warmth of Christmas shed kindness near and
far!
And clang, ye bells of Christmas, upon the frosty air!
And may the joy of Christmas spread gladness everywhere!

Benediction

Sung Benediction

Peace be with you 'til we meet again!
As life lays its task before you,
keep love's banner floating o'er you.
Peace be with you 'till we meet again.

Postlude

The Heart of Worship

M. Redman Sanghee Kim, piano



Those who are on Zoom may remain
for a virtual “coffee hour” following the postlude.
If you’re in the “drive-in church”, honk and wave to each other!

Thank you to our video host today: Sharon Brownfield
and all those who helped with this service, and to our staff,
board, and other leaders.



Christmas Eve Gift Bag

Drive up to the atrium doors of First Parish Church on Saturday December 19th from 10am-noon to pick up your Christmas Eve gift bag from the FPC staff! In it you will find your Christmas Eve order of service and candle, and a little Christmas treat. If you cannot be there on Saturday Dec. 19th, please email Joleen Trotta at mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org, and we'll get one delivered to you.

Please stay in your car and wear a mask, and a staff member will come out with your gift bag.



*First Parish is a
Unitarian Universalist
Association Welcoming
Congregation. We
warmly welcome gay,
lesbian, bisexual, and
transgender people into
our community.*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum,
Minister

Michelle Cote, Director of Religious
Education

Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator

Dr. Mike Pfitzer, Director of Music

Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist

Joleen Trotta, Welcoming &

Membership Coordinator

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