

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, December 20, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Carol Selections

Ethan Mattor, Jean Patterson,
and Alex Mattor, French Horn

Welcome & Announcements

Ken Langer

Testimonial Poem

Roy Miller, Stewardship Committee

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Advent Candle Lighting

Yule Log

Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Hymn

Yule Fires

J.G. MacKinnon
Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. In ancient days the folk of old
When chilled with fright by winter's cold
Did kindle up a great Yule fire
With leaping flames in its great pyre;
2. So to entice the waning sun
To rise again and wider run;
It's fiery course across the sky,
To warm them so they would not die.
3. So we, whose minds now sense a chill
Of anger in the evil will,
The human conflict, hate, and strife,
Which hold a menace over life;
4. Would kindle up a flame of love
That we within our hearts may move,
In Yuletide joy, with love embrace
And thus abide in peace and grace.

Sharing

Covenant

Joleen Trotta,
Welcoming and Membership Coordinator

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.

Affirmation

Mike Pfitzer, Voice

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.

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Sharing Our Gifts

Christmas Is Coming

trad. carol

Mike Pfitzer, voice and Sanghee, piano

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>

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat,
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny, then a ha'penny will do
If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you.

The Mummers' Play: St. George and The Dragon



Carolers

Eve Beauvais	Robin Ledwell
Jenni Edgerton	Regan Murray
Benji Edgerton	Corrine Murray
Duncan Edgerton	Anna Ruminski
Eliot Chetwynd,	Leah Ruminski
Kendra Jablonowski	

Cast

Room	Leah Ruminski
Mother Christmas	Anna Ruminski
Janey Jack... ..	Eve Beauvais
Molly	Regan Murray
Baker	Kendra Jablonowski
Shopper	Corrine Murray
Fool	Duncan Edgerton
Dragon	Benji Edgerton
St. George	Eliot Chetwynd
Longest Knight	Kiran Bean
Doctor	Robin Ledwell

Crew

Director	Pat Sorn
Script	Cynthia Landrum & Pat Sorn
Musicians	Susan Avery & Sheryl Lafayette
Zoom Helpers	Susan Avery, Jenni Edgerton, Karen Kinnear, Kim Kinnear, & Sheryl Lafayette
Editing	Katy Weeks

Carol *Here We Come a-Wassailing*

1. Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green,
Here we come a wandering, so fair to be seen.
Love and joy come to you, and to you a wassail too.
And God bless you and send you a happy New Year
And God send you a happy New Year.
2. We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door,
But we're the neighbours' children, that you have seen before.
Love and joy come to you, and to you a Wassail too,
And God bless you and send you a happy New Year
And God send you a Happy New Year.
3. God bless the master of the house, likewise the mistress too,
And all the little children, that round the table go.
Love and joy come to you, and to you a wassail too,
And God bless you and send you a Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy New Year.

Carol *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

1. We wish you a merry Christmas! We wish you a merry Christmas!
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!
- Refrain: Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!
2. Oh, bring us some figgy pudding, Oh, bring us some figgy pudding
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding, And a cup of good cheer!
Refrain.
 3. We wish you a merry Christmas! We wish you a merry Christmas!
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Returning

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

We Wish You A Merry Christmas Ethan Mattor, Jean Patterson,
and Alex Mattor, French Horn



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 helpers today: Susan Avery & Sharon Brownfield
and all those who helped with this service,
and to our staff, board, and other leaders.



*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
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity

Katy Weeks, President
Sharon Brownfield, Vice President
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