

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito

Service at 4:00pm

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December 24, 2025

“Christmas Eve”

Order of Service: Wednesday, December 24, 2025

"What Is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past,  
courage for the present and hope for the future."

*Agnes M. Pahro*

Prelude

*Katie Klaerich*

Welcome and Greet Your Neighbors

*Livia Walsh*

Carol of Community: O Come, All Ye Faithful

*(please stand in body or spirit)*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Call to Worship

*Rev. Heather*

Chalice Lighting

*Livia Walsh*

## Carol of Light: The First Nowell

*(please stand in body or spirit)*

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

Reading

*Livia Walsh*

Time for All Ages

*Emily Host*

## Carol of Spirit: Deck the Halls

*(please stand in body or spirit)*

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la la la la!  
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la la!  
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la la!  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la la la la!

See the blazing yule before us, Fa la la la la la la la!  
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la la la la!  
Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la la la la!  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la la la la!  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la la la la!  
Sing we joyous all together! Fa la la la la la la la!  
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la la la la!

Choir Anthem: "Peace, Peace"

*UUFSD Choir*

By Rick and Sylvia Powell, arr. Fred Bock

Reading

*Rev. Heather*

Carol of Rest: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

*(please stand in body or spirit)*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

Offering: Casas de Luz

*Emily Host & Ethan Reba*

Reading

*Livia Walsh*

Carol of Celebration: Joy to the World

*(please stand in body or spirit)*

Joy to the world; the Lord is come; Let Earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns; Our mortal songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love.

Pastoral Prayer

*Rev. Heather*

Carol of Presence: O Holy Night

Carol of Peace: Silent Night

*(please rise in body or spirit)*

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend the light;  
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Extinguishing the Chalice

Livia Walsh

"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

Rev. Heather

Postlude

Katie Klaerich

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*All are welcome to stay for cookies,  
cocoa, and fellowship.*

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UUFSD is a welcoming  
congregation.



Today's Service	<p>Speaker <i>Rev. Heather Megill</i>  Worship Associate <i>Livia Walsh</i>  Song Leader <i>Steve Milloy</i>  Ushers <i>Linda Luisi &amp; Ted Foster</i>  Pianist <i>Katie Klaerich</i></p>
UUFSD Staff	<p>Minister <i>Rev. Heather Megill</i>  Dir. of Rel. Exploration <i>Emily Host</i>  Administrator <i>Ashley Morn</i>  Music Director <i>Steve Milloy</i>  Pianist <i>Katie Klaerich</i>  Audio Visual Technician <i>Joe Cantrell</i>  Set Up Coordinators <i>Byrht Renfrow / Guthry Hahm</i>  RE Support Staff <i>Charlotte Rosen</i></p>

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**Welcome visitors!** We are delighted to see you. If this is your first time visiting UUFSD, we encourage you to return for one of our Sunday services (every Sunday at 10am in person and on Zoom.)

Our community is inclusive of all people and all personal religious beliefs. We are a community that puts loving human interaction first. In covenant with the Unitarian Universalist Association, we share principles and values that speak to the sacredness and worth of each person and the interconnectedness of all beings and our earth.

At UUFSD, we focus on spiritual development and enrichment, social justice action, and community and fellowship. All are welcome regardless of race, sex, gender identity, religious background, or experience with Unitarian Universalism. We are a Welcoming Congregation. We encourage you to find out about our many programs and activities outside of worship as well, including social groups, spiritual gatherings, and social justice action events. For more information, please email [office@uufsd.org](mailto:office@uufsd.org).

Thank you again for joining us. I hope to see you soon!  
With hope,

*Rev. Heather Megill*



"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more *beautiful*." — Norman Vincent Peale

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of *kindred*, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime." — Laura Ingalls Wilder

"May the hope, the peace, the *joy*, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do." — Rev. Richard J. Fairchild

"Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our *love* into words." — Harland Miller

"We count down the days just to experience it nearly exactly as we always have. It is so comfortable, familiar and perfectly *nostalgic* that, frankly, we have no desire to improve upon it at all." — Joanna Gaines

CALVIN: "This whole Santa Claus thing just doesn't make sense. Why all the secrecy? Why all the mystery? If the guy exists why doesn't he ever show himself and prove it? And if he doesn't exist what's the meaning of all this?"

HOBBS: "I dunno. Isn't this a religious holiday?" CALVIN: "Yeah, but actually, I've got the same questions about *God*." — Bill Watterson

"At *Christmas*, all roads lead home." — Marjorie Holmes



Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote eight Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

- 1) The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2) Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3) Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4) A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5) The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6) The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7) Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part;
- 8) Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse and multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.



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