Christmas Eve 2025 – Order of Worship

"Worship" comes from the Old English word weordhscipe*, meaning "worthiness." In worship we lift up that which is worthy of our reflection.*

GATHERING MUSIC **Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music**

WELCOME **Pam Jackson, Worship Associate**

OPENING WORDS **Rev. Tara Humphries**

LIGHTING THE CHALICE **Emily C. Jones, DRE**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

* CAROL O Come All Ye Faithful #253

STORY & SONG IN THE SHADOW THEATER

Part 1 **"The Birth Foretold" (Luke 1:26-32, 34-38)**
* Angels we Have Heard on High #231
Part 2 **"Birth in a Manger" (Luke 2:1, 3-7)**
* Once in a Royal David's City #228
Part 3 **"Shepherds & Angels" (Luke 2:8-20)**

LEGO NATIVITY STORY A2U2 Religious Education Program

* CAROL The First Nowell #237

MODERN NATIVITY STORY "A House Warming" Emily C. Jones

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Tara Humphries**

* CAROL Joy to the World! #245

* CANDLE LIGHTING RITUAL

* CAROL Silent Night #251

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, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,"
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, child of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

* CANDLELIT BENEDICTION

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

100% of tonight's **OFFERING** goes to the **A2U2 Minister's Discretionary Fund**, which provides confidential emergency financial assistance to church members and friends. Reach out to Rev. Tara (a2u2minister@gmail.com) to learn more or access the fund.

THANK YOU to our **livestream and Zoom volunteers** who make this evening's hybrid service possible!

Services and Religious Education programming every Sunday at 10!

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*"We are growing a community that transforms lives through the power of **love**."*

MISSION: At Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, we are growing a community that transforms lives through the power of love. We celebrate diversity, encourage spiritual growth, and promote social responsibility as we travel with care on this earth. We empower our members to share their gifts to build a world of compassion, equality, and freedom.

LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

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"Lessons and Carols"

An All-Ages Christmas Eve Service

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5pm | 24 December 2025