#### First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit

Today's Music

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Prelude:

Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn

**Choir Anthem:** The Huron Carol

Traditional French melody,

arr. Jill Galina

Offertory: Gesu Bambino

Frederick H. Martens and Pietro A. Yon

**Recessional:** Have Yourself a Merry Little

Christmas

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

#### First Unitarian-Universalist Church

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator

Humphrey Blakemore, Social Hour Coordinator

#### **Today's Greeters/Ushers:**

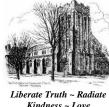
Maysel Brooks Carolyn Ludwig Nate Strickland, Jr. Sherry A. Wells

Hearing Assistance devices and Large Print Hymnals are available from any of our Greeters.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Alexis, at office@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church December 24, 2016

### "Christmas Eve - A Light in Darkness" The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



Kindness ~ Love Courageously

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

**ENTERING** 

Singing Together\* #245 Joy to the World

> #233 Bring a Torch Jeannette, Isabella #253 O Little Town of Bethlehem

**WELCOME** Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

**CENTERING** 

Prelude

Calling To Worship Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #231 Angels We Have Heard on High

Todd Ballou, UU Detroit Choir Choir Anthem

**DEEPENING** 

Lesson Luke 1:26-35

Carol\* #241 In the Bleak Midwinter

Luke 2:1-7 Lesson

Carol\* #237 The First Noel

Lesson Luke 2:8-16

#253 O Come All Ye Faithful Carol\*

Matthew 2:1-12 Lesson

#259 We Three Kings of Orient Are Carol\*

Sermon Offering

**RETURNING** 

Candle Lighting Ceremony (form circle; pass the light)

Silent Night (SEE NEXT PAGE) 3 verses, Carol\*

and then humming)

Benediction\*

Recessional

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation (\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

# Closing Carol: #251 Silent Night, Holy Night Words by Joseph Mohr (1816), music by Franz Xavier Gruber (1818)

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

# 4. (Humming)

#### Announcements - December 24, 2016

#### **CHANCEL FLOWER DONATIONS**

Today's flowers are given by Trey Greene and Colleen Dolan-Greene in celebration of Nick Greene's birthday!

#### **Sunday Sermons**

#### 12/25 NO SERVICE

#### 1/1 11:00 AM Sermon, "Poetry as Visionary Resistance" Speaker: Tawana Petty

What does it mean to resist and what role should vision play in our resistance? Toni Cade Bambara said, "The role of the artist is to make revolution irresistible." Tawana Petty — mother, social justice organizer, youth advocate, poet, author and visionary educator — strives to embody that responsibility.

#### 1/8 11:00 AM Sermon, "Truth and Meaning"

**Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Continuing our monthly series on the Seven Principles of the Unitarian
Universalist Association, Rev. Murray will focus on the Fourth
Principle, "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

# 1/15 11:00 AM Sermon, "MLK and Civil Disobedience" Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

As we approach the inauguration of our 45th President, many communities are considering how they will engage and disengage with this new administration. It is helpful to look to the example of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for how moral force can encounter political power for positive effect.

#### 1/22 11:00 AM Sermon, "A New America?"

**Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

In the aftermath of the 2016 election, we have heard about a troubling rise in disturbing behaviors which many would describe as racist and anti-immigrant, including the national story that originated out of Royal Oak here in Michigan. Is this a new American reality, or is this indicative of who we were already?