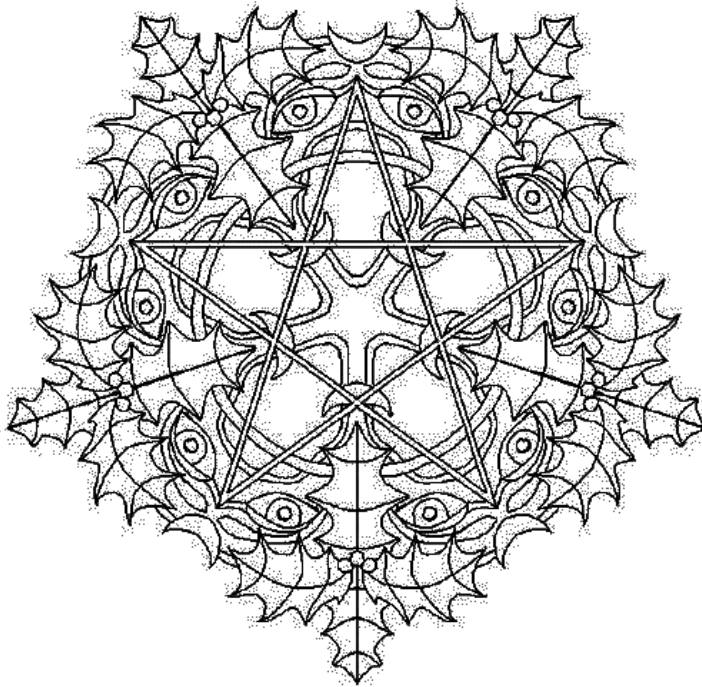


First Unitarian Church of Louisville

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We are grateful for those who serve this morning, including:
Service Coordinator: Christe Lunsford Worship Associate: Pam Middleton



December 17, 2017

SOLSTICE RITUALS
SPEAKER: CHRSTE LUNSFORD
AND THE SOLSTICE SINGERS

Gathering Music		Cooper Brim
Bell Sound		
Welcome		Brittany Blau
Chalice Challenge		Linette Lowe
Prelude	<i>Keep the Fire</i>	Solstice Singers
The Four Directions and Chalice Lighting		Pam Middleton
Joys and Sorrows (<i>unison</i>)		
	When I breathe in, I breathe in peace. When I breathe out, I breathe out love.	
Reading		Christe Lunsford
Meditative Moment	<i>Benedicta Es</i>	Solstice Singers
Invitation to Generosity		Brittany
Offertory	<i>Kore Evohe</i>	Solstice Singers
+ Song for the Children	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Congregation and Choir
	This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine	
Homily	<i>Solstice Rituals</i>	Christe

Extinguishing the Four Directions and the Chalice (*unison*)

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.

Closing Words

Lisa Willner

Benediction

Carry It Home

Solstice Singers

+ *Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

~ **Members of the Solstice Singers** ~

Brittany Blau

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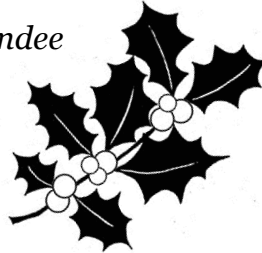
Kat Joyner

Tiffany Taylor

Linette Lowe

Lisa Willner

Christe Lunsford



Infant and Toddler Care in the Nursery is available in room 214. The service is piped in to the library (the door by the organ) if you need to step out with your child.

Busy Bags are available for Children to enjoy while in the sanctuary on the Usher Table as you enter or ask an Usher.



Christmas Eve Vespers December 24

Following the Light

Musical Preludes begin at 5:00

The service begins at 5:30

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Vespers service. Everyone is welcome to join the pageantry and light as we Follow the Light through our living tradition. The service concludes with candlelit singing in our beautiful darkened sanctuary, a moment not to be missed! A cookie and punch reception will follow the service. Plan to join us, and invite your family and friends!

Children at Vespers

Hi Families! The RE Ministry had discussion this month about Christmas Eve Vespers and decided that, because it is rarely used, child care during the service will be discontinued. Child care WILL be available during Vespers rehearsal from 3:00-5:15. The service runs an hour. The Library will be available with sound piped in and quiet toys, coloring, and a rocking chair available if littler ones need a break.

Flameless electronic candles will be available for young children so they can participate fully in the candle-lit portion of the service. The Ministry would really like to encourage families to be in this special service together!

Vespers Reception

Please help to make this the tastiest Vespers Reception ever! Donations of finger foods are requested. Please bring your favorite treats to the church kitchen on December 24 by 3 pm, so the kitchen elves can arrange everything on platters for the reception.



If you'd like to stay and be a kitchen elf yourself, please do. (Remember, elves come in both sexes!)

Contact Maureen Taylor (maureenptaylor69@att.net) to volunteer or for more information.

Guest at Your Table

Guest at Your Table is an annual collection for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, which works to advance human rights around the world. We distributed boxes and information on the Sunday before Thanksgiving for folks to take home.



We hope that you will feed the Guest at Your Table box regularly between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve (or before if you will be out of town), when we return the boxes. Every little bit helps support our partners around the world!

FYI

Sign Holiday Cards Come send holiday wishes to our “Members to be Remembered” this week in the social hall. See Gary Drehmel.

Recycle Your Old Christmas Lights First U's Solar Array Project will take your old lights and turn them into cash which will be used to buy more solar panels for First U! Drop them into the SAP aluminum can receptacle in the courtyard (outside the kitchen door) or give them to Joe or Kathy Kremer. Questions? Email Joe at joe_kremer_99@yahoo.com.

10th through 12th grade OWL Do you know a 10th through 12th grader who would benefit from age-appropriate, values-based, scientifically driven sexuality education? If so, please contact Linette at dre@firsttulu.org. Classes will begin in January.

Member Kiosk Remember to check on the Member Kiosk in the Social Hall for holiday ideas and opportunities.

Winter Break for RE All RE classes will be on Winter Break December 17-January 7. RE classes will resume January 14 with One Room Schoolhouse for children and youth and new class offerings for adults. Did you have a great experience during fall RE? Be sure to let your RE Leaders know!

There will be no morning activities on December 24. We encourage you and your family to join us for Christmas Eve Vespers at 5:00 pm.

Welcome to First Unitarian!

If you are a visitor to our congregation today, we trust you will find meaning in our service. First Unitarian Church is a liberal, self-governing, self-supporting church in covenant with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Free Parking: The lot off 4th Street next to the church is free all day Sunday. The lot off York Street, across from the library, is free until 1:30pm.

Calendar of Events <http://firstulou.org/calendar>

~ We Are a Welcoming Congregation ~

We welcome all persons to participate fully, openly, and equally, in all aspects of our congregational life, in ever-widening circles of inclusion. We respect and affirm diversity and its gifts in race, ethnicity, national origin, affectional or sexual orientation, family or relationship structure, gender identity, gender expression, sex, abilities, neurodiversity, age, socio-economic class, political views, religious belief, creed, or interpretation of religion.

Our Ministry Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, Interim Minister

Linette Lowe, Dir. Religious Exploration Christe Lunsford, Student Minister

Support Staff

Ethan McCollum, Choir Director
Coordinator

Christina Roberts, Childcare

Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator

Elena Meeks, Childcare staff

Earl Reynolds, Building Supervisor

NaQueesha Puckett, Childcare staff

Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper

and RE Assistant

Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist

Vantreasea Jones, Custodian

ZOOM Into First U

Members and friends can sign into Zoom and access the service in real time. Go to the website www.firstulou.org. Click on the “Worship” tab. Then select “Livestreaming our Sunday Service” and follow the directions. You can also go to firstulou.org/online-service. Enjoy the service.