

**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24, 2022 5:00 pm**  
**First Parish in Cohasset**



The Candlelight Service is beautiful, but please take great care with lit candles in the Meeting House. Children may hold candles, but only with parental supervision. Keep lit candles upright and away from hair and clothing. Note the location of fire extinguishers, and fire blankets. At the end of the service, extinguish your candle when indicated. Please deposit candles in baskets at the exits when you leave tonight.

**Welcome** Rev. Dan Harper

**Prelude** "Cantique de Noël" Adolphe Adam  
Nick Capodilupo, tenor

**Lighting of the Candelabra** The Struzziero Family

**Opening Words** Isaiah 9:2, 4, 6-7 -- Dan Harper

**Carol** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" -- see insert

**The Story of the Christmas Candles**  
-- Dan Harper and Tracey Newman

**Children's Choir** "Little Drummer Boy"  
Katherine K. Davis, arr. Harry Simeone

**Meditation and Prayer** -- Dan Harper

**Carol** "Go Tell It on the Mountains" -- see insert

**Unison reading** (the rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson)  
In the darkness of the night,  
We kindle our light  
In the coldness of winter,  
We kindle our warmth  
Despite sorrows we bear,  
We kindle our hope  
Held in eternal love and recurring wonder; We rejoice that  
light and life are born again.

**Carol** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" -- see insert

**Reading** Luke 2:1-7 -- Eliza Mulder

**Carol** "Angels We Have Heard on High" -- see insert

**Reading** Luke 2:8-20 -- Micah Mulder

**Choir Anthem** "Candlelight Carol" John Rutter

**Reading** -- from "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens --  
Isa Murray

**Carol** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" - see insert

**Reading** "Christmas Is a Faith" by Rev. Dr. Rosco Trueblood  
Libby and Caroline Struzziero

**Carol** "Joy to the World" -- see insert

**Christmas Message** -- Dan Harper

**Offering** The total offering from tonight's Christmas Eve service will go to **Boston Health Care for the Homeless (BHCHP)**. Our gift to BHCHP will help support their mission to ensure unconditionally equitable and dignified access to quality health care for all individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the greater Boston area.

**Offertory** "Prelude No.1" Hector Villa-Lobos  
Felix Stuart, guitar

**Ringing of the Bell** -- David Skolnik

**Candle Lighting and Carol** -- "Silent Night" -- see insert  
*with Felix Stuart, guitar*

**Unison benediction**

Go out into the world in peace,  
Be of good courage,  
Hold fast to what is good,  
Return to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted  
Help the suffering;  
Be patient with all,  
Love all living beings.

**Postlude:** "Christmas Joy"  
Anon. and G.F. Handel, arr. K.Warner

First Parish extends **special thanks** for the following:

**Wreaths & Bows:** Donated by Leslie Fallon,  
delivered and decorated by  
Susan Putziger & Property Committee

**Ushers:** The Struzziero Family  
Phil, Kate, Caroline and Libby

**Christmas Trees:** The beautiful Fraser firs flanking the Meetinghouse front steps are a gift from Barbara Bliss to honor the memory of her late husband Mike. They continue Mike's tradition of providing trees for the Meetinghouse each Christmas season.

**Musicians:**

**Felix Stuart** is an eighth-grade student at Derby Academy. He began studying Suzuki Guitar at the age of four. Currently, Felix studies classical guitar at the South Shore Conservatory with Dr. Robert Bekkers and jazz guitar with Kevin Scollins. Felix performs regularly with Derby Academy's concert band and jazz ensembles.

**Nick Capodilupo** is a graduate of Hingham High School where he performed in numerous musicals and was captain of the football team. He is currently a vocal performance major at Ithaca College. He most recently sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at Yankee Stadium, and is looking forward to singing in the opera department's "Pirates of Penzance."

**Poinsettias:** Coordinated by Pokey Kornet and Holly Harris  
**Given by:**

Anthony Rini: in memory of Anne LoCicero & Eileen De Witt  
Abigail & Mark Alves: in loving memory of Marilyn Hobson  
Carol Alves, Mark and Abigail's  
Two wonderful mothers who are  
missed deeply.

Patty Mycroft: in memory of Dotty & Milton Kamenides  
and Lena & Frederick Mycroft, Sr.

The Kornet Family  
The Tiryaki Family  
Beverley Burgess  
Dan Harper  
Mary & Pete Parker  
JoAnne & Woody Chittick