

**Mission Statement:** *We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshipping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.*

**First Parish in Cohasset  
Unitarian Universalist**

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**Minister:** Rev. Dan Harper  
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Holly Harris, Chair; Annie Spang, Vice Chair;  
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Caroline Struzziero, Clerk;  
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Beverley Burgess, Abe Murray, Tara Volungis

**Rev. Dan Harper's Office Hours:**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:30a -5:00p.  
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**Dec 16-31, 2023 / Care Circle Coordinator**  
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**Thank You:**

**Bell Ringers:** Nick Capodilupo, Chad Hasson, Dan Moore, and Mike Nakashima

**Soloists:** Felix Stuart, classical guitar; Nick Capodilupo, tenor  
and Karin Foley, soprano and conductor

**Musician Bios:** see insert

**Usher(s):** Phil & Kate Struzziero

**Flowers:** Poinsettia Plants (see insert for sponsors and intentions)

**Wreaths:** Donated by Leslie Fallon



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**First Parish Cohasset  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**December 24th, 2023**

**5pm**

## Christmas Eve Order of Service

Minister: Rev. Dan Harper

**Welcome:** Dan

**Prelude:** "And There Were Shepherds,"  
from *Christmas Oratorio* J.S. Bach, ed. David Willcocks  
Nick Capodilupo, tenor & Karin Foley, soprano with Adult Choir

**Lighting of the Candelabra:** The Neri Family

**Opening Words:** Shea Neri

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

**The Story of the Christmas Candles:** Dan and Kate

**Prayer and Meditation** – Dan

**Carol:** "O Come All Ye Faithful" -- see insert

**Unison Reading:** Thomas Neri  
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.  
-- the Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

**Musical interlude:** "Castillian Suite, Fandanguillo"  
Federico Moreno-Torroba -- Felix Stuart

**Reading:** Rory Toyoshima

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

**Reading:** Caroline and Libby Struzziero

**Choir Anthem:** "Bell Noel" Richard E. Frey

**Reading:**

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

**Reading:**

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

**Christmas Message** -- Dan

**Offering:**

The total offering from this year's Christmas Eve service will go to Boston Health Care for the Homeless (BHCHP). Our gift to BHCHP helps support their mission to ensure equitable and dignified access to quality health care for all individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the greater Boston area. Our gift to BHCHP will cover such needs as: weekly behavioral counseling; the cost of over-the-counter medications and supplies (pain relievers, fever reducers, cough drops); bus transportation to medical appointments; case management services, as well as assisting patients with clothing and food access.

**Offertory:** "Cantique de Noël" (O Holy Night) Adolphe Adam  
Karin Foley, soprano

**Candle Lighting Introduction:**

**Ringing of the Bell:** Chad Hasson

**Carol:** "Silent Night" -- see insert

**Unison Closing Words:**

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:** "Postlude on Gloria"  
Trad. French Carol, arr. John D. Payne