

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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Office: (781) 383-1100, admin@firstparishcohasset.org
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Minister: Rev. Dan Harper
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Parish Committee:
Holly Harris, Chair; Annie Spang, Vice Chair;
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Caroline Struzziero, Clerk;
At-Large Members:
Beverley Burgess, Abe Murray, Tara Volungis

Rev. Dan Harper's Office Hours:
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:30a -5:00p.
Please contact the Parish Office or Dan to schedule an appointment.

Dec 16-31, 2023 / Care Circle Coordinator
Joan Kovach / 339-203-0005 / joanstackkovach@gmail.com

Thank You:
The Volungis Family
Susan and Stephen Etkind
Coffee Hour:
Usher(s):
Flowers: Poinsettia Plants (**see insert for sponsors and intentions**)
Wreaths: Donated by Leslie Fallon



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First Parish Cohasset Christmas Pageant

December 17th, 2023

**Christmas Pageant
Order of Service**

Welcome Kate Sullivan, DRE

Prelude: "Carols of Christmas" John Purifoy

Opening Words: "Open to Awe"
Read by Kate Sullivan & Meghan Neri

Hymn: #225, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1-3)

Unison Chalice Lighting Words: No more hurry hurry. Time now for firelight and dreaming, for church bells mingling with the cold, quiet sunlight. And somewhere deep inside of you a kernel of courage unfurling – each day, more light. ~ Irene Latham

Moment for All Ages – Kate Sullivan , Phil Struzziero
& Nate Volungis

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern - Kate

Prayer and Meditation - "Amazing Grace," by Maya Angelou
Kate Sullivan

Hymn in response: #55, "Dark of Winter"

Reading: "We Have an Old Story to Tell" by Gretchen Haley
Read by Rue Wilson

Choir Anthem: "Rejoice, and Be Merry"
English trad carol, arr. Reginald Jacques

Offering: "Oh Christmas Tree" Based on a trad. German folk song
by Melchior Franck and Eric Anschütz

The Plate Share for the month of December goes to **Common Hope** to provide sponsorship for **Katherine Daniela Ixcoy Santos**. Our sponsorship of Katherine, through Common Hope, ensures that she is able to continue her schooling and that her family receives regular visits from social workers as well as "gifts" of emergency food supplies and medical attention, when needed.

Hymn: #246, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1 & 3)

2023 Pageant: The Nativity

Holiday Sing Along:
Joy to the World, Deck the Halls, & Jingle Bells (**see inserts**)

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: "Fughetta for One Day of Christmas" Carol Hassman

Next Week's Service: Five Yuletide Carols **at 10am**
& Christmas Eve Candlelight service **at 5pm**.

Join us after today's service for **coffee hour and Cookie Swap** across the street at the Parish House. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Thank you to all who helped with this morning's service!
Cast: First Parish of Cohasset Congregation, RE Committee:
Meghan Neri, Phil Struzziero, Matt Mulder, Tara Volungis
and Stanley Fogleman. Thanks also to Rue Wilson, Carol Martin
and Ngoc and Linc Dupont.