

**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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**Parish Committee:**

Tara Volungis, Chair; Bev Burgess, Vice Chair;  
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Susan George, Clerk;  
At-Large Members:  
Nancy Robertson, Peter Sexton, and Caroline Struzziero

**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.

**December 2024 / Care Circle Coordinator**

**Bev Burgess / 781-929-4333 / [bevburgess@aol.com](mailto:bevburgess@aol.com)**

**Thank You:**

**Bell Ringer:** Chad Hasson  
**Soloists:** Karin Foley, soprano and Felix Stuart, classical guitar  
**Usher(s):** Phil & Kate Struzziero  
**Flowers:** Poinsettia Plants (**see insert for sponsors and intentions**)  
**Wreaths:** Donated by Leslie Fallon / Displayed by Susan Putziger



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**Christmas Eve Order of Service, 12/24/24**

**Minister: Rev. Dan Harper**

**Opening Music:** "Glory to God in the Highest" Hal H. Hopson  
Bell Choir and Adult Choir

**Welcome:** Kate Sullivan

**Prelude:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" John F. Wade, c.1743  
Bell Choir and Adult Choir

**Lighting of the Candelabra:** Rory Toyoshima

**Opening Words:** Libby Struzziero

**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:** Kate Sullivan

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:** "Estudio 1 Op. 6, No. 8"  
Fernando Sor Felix Stuart, Guitar

**Reading:** Caroline Struzziero

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

**Reading:** Rory Toyoshima

**Choir Anthem:** "Castleton Carol" Traditional Carols, arr. Ben Cohn

**Reading:** Nate Volungis and Phil Struzziero

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

**Reading:** Beverley Burgess

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

**Christmas Message:** "Peace on Earth" - 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 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:** Dan

**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:** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"  
Felix Mendelssohn, arr. David Cherwein