



Ethiopian Coptic Christian *Nativity* and *Flight into Egypt*

Christmas Eve Celebration

Rev. Steven Epperson
and Elliott Dainow

- December 24, 2016 - 7:00 pm -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

December 24, 2016

At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, in celebration.



*The **prelude** beginning at 6:45 pm helps to create a mood for shared celebration and worship. Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*



Prelude

European Carols
E. Dainow, piano

Opening Words

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Carol

#253 Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Seasonal Readings

#616 For So the Children Come
#621 Why Not a Star

Carols Continued

#231 Angels We Have Heard On High
#248 O We Believe in Christmas

Seasonal Reading

#610 The Journey of Love
#615 The Work of Christmas

Carols Continued

#237 The First Nowell

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offering and the gifts you share.*

The Work of Christmas
Howard Thurman/Mary Grigolia
Nicola Hamilton, vocals; E. Dainow, piano

Christmas Eve Remarks

Rev. Steven Epperson

Candles and Carols

#241 In the Bleak Midwinter
#251 Silent Night, Holy Night

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding
and a cup of good cheer

We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some,
so bring some out here

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Benediction

Rev. Steven Epperson

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved***:
(when facing the front) *left side for parents with babies or small children in childcare, and right side for persons in wheelchairs*

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