



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

Christmas Eve Celebration

Rev. Steven Epperson & Elliott Dainow

– 7:00pm, December 24, 2017 –



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



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 helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*



A warm welcome to all!

Prelude	<i>Seasonal Melodies</i>	Trad. E. Dainow, piano
	<i>The Birthday of a King</i>	W. H. Neidlinger Stan Ridley, baritone* / E. Dainow, piano
Opening Words		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Carol		#253 <i>Oh Come All Ye Faithful</i>
Seasonal Readings		#616 <i>For So the Children Come</i> #621 <i>Why Not a Star</i>
Carols Continued		#231 <i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i> #248 <i>O We Believe in Christmas</i>
Seasonal Reading		#610 <i>The Journey of Love</i> #615 <i>The Work of Christmas</i>
Carols Continued		#237 <i>The First Nowell</i>
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Trad. / arr. Mark Hayes Stan Ridley, baritone / E. Dainow, piano
Christmas Eve Remarks		Rev. Steven Epperson
Candles and Carols		#241 <i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> #251 <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>

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.*

** I am very pleased to welcome Stan here tonight. I heard his voice above the congregation during previous Xmas Eve services and invited him to share some solos with us. He is not a newcomer to our midst, having performed here previously with the esteemed Harold D. Brown, my predecessor. Elliott*

Buddy Bags for kids with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

The seats in the rear of the church are **reserved**:
(when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and
right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers.

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.



Our Vision

Because we envision a more compassionate world, we seek to deepen our spiritual and religious lives, grow and enrich our congregation, and advocate for love and justice.

Living Our Vision

As Unitarians, we are dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and reverence for nature and all life. We embody these values through worship, ethical action, artistic expression, and religious education for all ages that aim to connect hearts, heads, and hands. Our congregation welcomes all ages, orientations, abilities, and identities in our joyous search for meaning.

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