

**Order of Service**  
**December 21, 2025**

*"May this solstice and the returning of the sun bring you love, magic and starlight."*

**Prelude**

*Linus & Lucy, Vince Guaraldi*

**Welcome & Opportunities to Engage**

**Greeting One Another**

**Kindling the Flame of Community**

*We light this chalice for the warmth of welcome, the light of hope, and the fire of service.*

**Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath**

*Rev. Lyn Cox*

**Opening Words**

*Sharon Wylie*

**Opening Hymn**

*Deck the Halls*

**No-Rehearsal Play**

*by Jenni Papp, based on The Snow Tree  
by Caroline Repchuck and Josephine Martin*

**Song**

*Winter Wonderland*

**The Snow Tree, Part 1**

**Song**

*The Holly and the Ivy*

**Receiving the Offering**

*½ Plate Recipient: [To Our House](#)  
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**Offertory**

*The Holly and the Ivy*

**Accepting the Offering**

**The Snow Tree, Part 2**

**Song**

*O, Tannenbaum*

**Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows**

*submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#)*

**Candles of Hope and Remembrance**

**The Snow Tree, Part 3**

**Closing Hymn**

*Joy to the World*

**Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice**

**Postlude**

*O, Tannenbaum*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Music Director: Jared Gibbs  
LFD Assistant: Jocelyn Hildenbrand; Chalice Lighter: ????; Songleader: Jane Mahone; Flowers: Barbara Taylor  
Sanctuary Greeters: Beth McClellan, Jon Thomas, Crosby Houston, Steve Keighton, Lisa Evanylo  
Zoom Greeters: Gail Dutchess & Akiko Nakata

### **Our Mission**

**Inspire** spiritual and ethical growth.

**Create** compassionate community.

**Transform** our community and the world through courageous love.

**Land Acknowledgement:***The Tutelo/Monacan people are the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, live, and worship. We recognize their continuing connection to the land, water, and air that we consume. We pay respect to the Tutelo/Monacan Nations, and to their elders past, present, and emerging.*

### **UUC Covenant**

*We covenant to create a place of respect and kindness, and to build a spiritual community based on reason and courageous love.*

*We will listen to one another respectfully, assume good intentions, use the power of our words with care, express gratitude, honor our differences, help one another, and welcome all.*

*We will communicate directly, honestly, and compassionately. When we hurt one another, we will forgive, make amends, and re-connect.*

*While we celebrate the words of our Mission Statement, and of this covenant, we affirm that our mission lives through our actions.*

### **Opportunities this Week**

- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Christmas Eve candlelight service, Wednesday at 5:00 (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (Library)