

**Order of Service**  
**December 22, 2024**

*"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. "Maybe Christmas . . . perhaps . . . means a little bit more!" ~ Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

**Prelude** *Trim Up the Tree, Albert Hague*

**Welcome and Opportunities**

**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 Advent Candles**

*Rosemary Morrison*

**Opening Hymn**

*Jingle Bells, James Pierpont*

**Congregational Covenant**

**Receiving the Offering**

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

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**Offertory**

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (Johnny Marks & H. W. Longfellow)*

**Joys & Sorrows**

**No Rehearsal Holiday Pageant: How the Grinch Stole Christmas**

**Scene I: The Grinch Hates Christmas**

**Song**

*Deck the Halls, Traditional Welsh*

**Scene II: The Grinch Tries to Stop Christmas**

**Song**

*You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch, by Theodor Seuss Geisel & Albert Hague*

**Scene III: The Grinch Figures Out What Christmas Is Really About**

**Song**

*Welcome Christmas, Theodor Seuss Geisel & Albert Hague*

**Scene IV: The Grinch is Transformed**

**Song**

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas, traditional English carol*

**Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice**

**Postlude**

*O Christmas Tree (Traditional)*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Wayne Neu; Chalice Lighter: Amelia Gawrys

Flowers: Polly Stimson; A/V Team

Sanctuary Greeters: Rami Steinruck, Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield

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 - Please note that the staff will be spending time with their families over the holidays and so will not be in the office during regular hours. You may contact them via email for emergencies.**

- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Surviving Spouses **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- Inspired Elders **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:30pm (Room 3)
- Meditation **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- **Christmas Eve Service - Tuesday evening at 5:00 pm (sanctuary & Zoom)**
- Conversations on our Faith **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))

**Please join us for a service full of stories and song and CANDLES at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve**

