WE WELCOME YOU

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION. ADULTS AND CHILDREN; PERSONS OF ANY COLOR, AGE, ABILITY, ECONOMIC STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY; SKEPTICS AND SPIRITUAL SEEKERS WHO ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH OUR PURPOSES... ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.

> OUR WORDS OF WELCOME WHOEVER YOU ARE WHOMEVER YOU LOVE HOWEVER YOU EXPRESS YOUR IDENTITY; WHATEVER YOUR SITUATION IN LIFE WHATEVER YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY – YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS A GIFT. WHETHER YOU ARE FILLED WITH SADNESS, OVERFLOWING WITH JOY NEEDING TO BE ALONE WITH YOURSELF OR EAGER TO ENGAGE WITH OTHERS YOU HAVE A PLACE HERE. WE ALL HAVE A PLACE HERE.

THE STAFF OF THE CHURCH WISHES EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A SAFE AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR!

THE REV. ERIK WIKSTROM, LEAD MINISTER THE REV. ALEXANDRA MCGEE, ASSISTANT MINISTER LEIA DURLAND-JONES, DIRECTOR OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT CHRISTINA RIVERA, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE SCOTT DEVEAUX, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC WENDY STEEVES, OFFICE ASSISTANT CAROLINE HINES, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT



CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 PM



2016

THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL CHURCH – UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE,

2016 8:00 рм

PROLOGUE

IN-GATHERING MUSIC:

SOUNDING THE CHIME

PRELUDE: "DECEMBER" (TCHAIKOVSK

WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

INTRODUCTORY CAROL: #235 DECK THE HALL

THE BIBLICAL CHRISTMAS

PART I: LUKE 2:1-714

CAROL: #246 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEH

PART II: LUKE 2:8-14

CAROL: #245 JOY TO THE WORLD

PART III: LUKE 2:15-21

CHORAL OFFERING: Kelsey Cowger, Claudia Walpole, Cathy Stapleton





THE CULTURAL CHRISTMAS

READING: 'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

CAROL: WHITE CHRISTMAS

AN OFFERING to support the Minister's Discretionary Fund

THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

HOMILY: REV. ERIK WIKSTROM

CAROL: #225, "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

FOR SO THE CHILDREN COME (#1061)

READING OF THE NAMES

CAROL: #231 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON

CLOSING WORDS: "RELIGION IN THE R A SERMONETTE"

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

CAROL: #251 SILENT NIGHT

BENEDICTION Ushers: Marcia Brekcer and Max