

We welcome everyone. Our Unitarian Universalist community seeks truth and deeper meaning, pursues justice through inspired action, and cultivates compassion and love for all connected by the web of life.
Mission statement, adopted May 18, 2014

Programs for Children and Youth:

Christmas Eve Services- All are invited to service. Activity bags and Beanie Babies are available at the front entrance of the Sanctuary for both services.

Sunday, December 29th, Programs for Children and Youth are on break, including Child Care in Room 22. Everyone attending church that day is welcome to go to service in Community Hall.



A Weary World Rejoices: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Rev. Ann Kadlecek & Elizabeth Baldes



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Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister

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Albany Unitarian Universalist

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:15 & 7:00 PM

**A Weary World Rejoices:
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24, 2024

Gathering Music Randy Rosette & Olga Martinez,
Director of Music Ministry

Ringling of the Chime Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Call to Celebration & Community Greeting Rev. Ann Kadlecek &
Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth
Words from Gretchen Haley

Carol ~ *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Chalice Lighting Words by Howard Thurman

I will light candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.
Candles of courage where fear is ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long.

Anthem ~ *The Wondrous Story* Albany UU Choir
Words and Music by Henry Boon

The Ancient Story, Part 1

Carol ~ *The First Nowell*

The Ancient Story, Part 2

Carol ~ *Angels We Have Heard on High*

The Ancient Story, Part 3

Carol ~ *We Three Kings, Verse 1*

Homily Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Anthem ~ *O Holy Night* Albany UU Choir

Offering Rev. Ann Kadlecek
~ *This collection will be divided between the Baby Institute and the Minister's
Discretionary Fund.* ~

Offertory ~ *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Albany UU Choir

Candle Lighting Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Hymn ~ *Silent Night*

Benediction Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Extinguishing of the Candles & Chalice

Closing Hymn ~ *Joy to the World*

Traveling Music Randy Rosette & Olga Martinez

Thanks to our children and youth service participants:

Anna B.	Ben P.
Charlotte B.	Eli S.
Lucy H.	Natalie P.
Octavia H.	Rowan P.

Hanging of the Greens by the Flowers Committee. Want to honor someone or mark a special event? Consider providing flowers for worship services in 2025. Sign up in Channing.

Musicians and other service leaders are grateful for your appreciation. However, we ask that you refrain from audible applause during the service. Thank you!