

## ORDER OF SERVICE

December 23, 2007 ~ Choral Worship Service  
Combined Choirs from First Church and Peace & Serenity  
Soloists: Meredith & Andy Chirch (Winter Wonderland)  
Sara Murdock & Tom Sandman (Little Lamb)  
Music Director: Kenny Smith ~ Pianist: Shiau-uen Ding  
Ralph Jacob, Service Leader

PROCESSIONAL – Twelve Days of Christmas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHALICE *Chalice, chalice burning bright  
Help remind us with your light  
Of how we'd like to live each day  
With love and truth helping lead the way*

MUSIC PROGRAM

Good King Wenceslas

Santa Claus is coming to Town

You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch

"Merry Christmas" (Wolfgang Mozart)

Winter Wonderland

OFFERTORY

Little Lamb (Ralph Vaughn Williams)

Gloria (A. Vivaldi)

Silent Night

O Beautiful Star

Christmas Oratorio (Saint Saens)

Unspeakable Joy

Love in any language

*We thank the members of Peace & Serenity Ministries  
for sharing their talent with us today!*

Greeters: Becky Algenio, Linda Miltner, Holly Brians Ragusa,  
Les Moore  
Coffee/tea Server: Mimi Gingold, Carol Hull

**All visitors are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service.** Please stay, meet some new friends, and learn about all of the things going on at First Church. **To receive a few issues of our newsletter,** just fill out a visitor information card at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Greeters will be at the counter to answer any questions you might have about Unitarian Universalism.

**Keley Smith-Keller will be our guest speaker next Sunday, Dec. 30.** On this Sunday before the New Year celebration, we pause to think about good intentions, the rhythms of life, starting over, and living in the present moment. Join us for this reflective and interactive service.

### **Christmas Eve Services ~ December 24, 2007**

**Reverend Sharon K. Dittmar**

**Family Service, 4:00 p.m.** Please join us for our fun family service. There will be stories, carols, and the Children's Choir will sing. Please bring some holiday treats to share after the service. All ages welcome in the sanctuary. **Contemplative Service, 7:00 p.m.** Please join us for our reflective Christmas Eve service. Reverend Dittmar will facilitate and our special speaker for this evening will be Rabbi Barr from Congregation Beth Adam. There will be readings, carols, a homily, candle lighting, and the adult choir will sing. We can also expect some visitors from Congregation Beth Adam. Childcare will be available for the youngest children. Please bring some holiday treats to share after the service.

**Meet the Minister.** Rev. Sharon Dittmar will hold her next "Meet the Minister" session from 9–10:00 a.m., on Sunday, January 13, 2008. This is a great chance for visitors and prospective members to get answers to their questions about First Church. Sharon will give a brief introduction to Unitarian Universalist history and theology, explain the expectations for membership, and answer questions you may have about our congregation. No reservations are needed and you need not be considering membership to attend. Contact Linda Miltner at 661.6993 or [lmiltner@nuvox.net](mailto:lmiltner@nuvox.net) for more information.

## Members of the First Church Choir

### Bases:

Bill Baker  
Larry Bullock  
Joe Busby  
Phil Froehlich  
Ralph Jacob  
Ed Rider  
Joe Rohling  
Ken Seitzer  
George Vila

### Tenors:

Tom Cottrill  
Beth Duff  
Bud Haupt  
Hensley Jemmott  
Roland Johnson  
Nick Payne  
Tom Sandman  
Dan Schneider

### Altos:

Bev Baker  
Dot Christenson  
Jane Kay  
Noëlle Kennedy Masukawa  
Rozy Park  
Evelyn Payne  
Vicki Ragsdale

### Sopranos:

Annie Foerster  
Joy Haupt  
Cynthia Heinrich  
Lee Meyer  
Sara Murdock  
Jean Rohling  
Jennifer Seitzer



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please remember our two refugee families at this time of year.** Jan Smith and Katie Campbell for the Refugee Committee are collecting money after the service with which to buy a Kroger card for each family at Christmas. The Destani family is experiencing some health problems and the Komi-Kodi-Osman family has just bought a house. We want to be sure the children do not suffer nutritionally when the money is tight.

**Please join us for Sylvia's Coffee House**, in honor of Sylvia Birmingham who started this popular tradition as Odyssey co-chair. Come and play some music, tell a joke, read a poem, or just sit back and enjoy the entertainment. BYOB or a snack to share on **Friday, December 28th from 8:00-11:00**. If you can come a bit early to help set up, please contact Susan French at [slfrench64@yahoo.com](mailto:slfrench64@yahoo.com) or 513.232.4119.

### Don't forget to turn in your UUSC "Guest at Your Table" Boxes.

Please remind your children to bring the Guest at Your Table Boxes to Church before the end of the year. Put them on the counter at the entry way with the others. Bring them at any Church Service: December 24 or 30. –Thanks, Chuck Schneider

### January 4-6: Weekend with Consultant Ed White

The Board is delighted to welcome Alban Institute consultant, Dr. Ed White, to help us discuss issues of growth and their effects on First Church.

**Please circle your calendar for an important all-church conversation on Sunday, January 6.** Sharon will lead a shortened service, then under Ed's direction, in small groups we'll discuss questions about growth and what we want for our church. Extended childcare, lunch and activities for the children, and light refreshments for adults will be provided. We'll wrap up by 1:00 p.m.

**Parents as Spiritual Guides, Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 26, and March 4, 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.** Please join us for a four session class, facilitated by Reverend Sharon Dittmar and Carly Wise, D. R. E. and based on the UUA curriculum, "Parents as Spiritual Guides." In the class we will explore family and faith development. There will be brief homework assignments (for you to reflect upon between classes). Participants are encouraged to attend three out of four classes. Childcare will be provided. Please register at the Odyssey Table after services; let us know if you will need childcare. If you have questions, call Jane Kay at 513.662.9320.

**Circle Supper Stretch.** As the end of December looms closer, time considerations are interfering with the next shuffling of Circle Suppers. This methodical activity is, therefore, being postponed until the end of January. I hope this change will not be an inconvenience to all concerned hosters and consumers. I will soon be tapping hosters for the round to take place from February through April. – Noëlle Kennedy Masukawa, Circle Supper Shuffler

**The Small Groups are re-forming for a third year!** We invite you to consider, or reconsider, participating in the **Third Annual Roundup Of Small Group Registrants**. Just fill out a form at a table in the Reception Area, or let your facilitator know. Information is available for new members. We look forward to getting to know you again. –John Heideman for the Small-Group Steering Committee

