



First Unitarian Portland
Order of Service

Sunday, December 15, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:15 a.m.
December 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Mystery"

Gathering Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	
Welcome		Rev. Thomas Disrud
Chalice Lighting		
Lighting the Advent Wreath		Rev. Alison Miller
Anthem	"Love Came Down at Christmas" arr. Arnold Sherman	Handbells Choir / Garrett Bond, Director
Responsive Reading	"To Be of the Earth" John Soos, adapted	Rev. Miller
Doxology	"Spirit of Life"	
Offertory	"Little Partita for Advent" James Woodman	Joe O'Donnell, organ
Pastoral Concerns & Prayer		Rev. Disrud
Silent Meditation		
Hymn	"I Am That Great and Fiery Force"	
Reading	"The Mystery of God" Frederick Lucian Hosmer (Unitarian)	
Anthem	"The Snow Lay on the Ground" arr. Barbara Kinyon	Handbells Choir / Garrett Bond, Director
Sermon	"God is a Mystery"	Rev. Miller
Prayer		
Hymn	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Merry Christmas, Darling" Richard & Karen Carpenter	Garrett Bond

A Glimpse of Upcoming Gatherings

Subscribe to our weekly "Front Steps" for FULL church updates, links, events, and special information: tinyurl.com/enews-signup.

Happening Sunday 12/15/2024

- **New folks!** Please join us right after the service // Gather at the "Welcome Circle" sign at the Sanctuary's front right corner.
- **Kindergarten Pageant:** Eliot Chapel // after the service. All are welcome, not just parents!
- **Alliance Treasures & Bake Sale:** Buchan Reception B-101 // after the service
- **Childcare 6mo-3yrs during the service //** Location: A-103 Nursery.
- **Social Hour:** This Sunday we will be in Fuller Hall.
- **Free Parking Every Sunday** in the U-Park across the street until 4 p.m. First-come first-serve.

Recurring Workshops, Classes & Open Gatherings

- Art Wall Exhibition:** Come down to Fuller Hall and enjoy a wide variety of art each month!
- Loving Kindness Meditation:** On Zoom Mondays from 8-8:30p.
- Caregivers Support Group:** Open to Newcomers. Fourth Sunday of each month at 9a [via Zoom](#).
- First Steps:** First Sunday of most months @12:15p in Channing.
- Friday Vesper Services:** from 5 - 5:40p [via Zoom](#).
- Mental Health Caregivers Group:** Second Wednesdays every month via Zoom 7-8:30p. [Email](#).
- "T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, Exclusive Gathering:** Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in Channing Room after the service.
- Alliance Presents:** Usually every first Wednesday of the month @10:30a in Eliot Chapel.
- Labyrinth:** Most 1st Sundays of the month in Fuller Hall.

Shower Project Needs

Your donations of these specific items will make a big difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your support!

- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Winter coats/jackets (all sizes)
- Snacks of all kinds
- Plastic shopping bags with handles
- Boxes of q-tips
- Air fresheners

Items can be left in the COHHO bins in Fuller Hall.



DONATE

Navigate to the [Front Steps](#) or [Church Calendar](#) for more information on gatherings: beacons.ai/firstupdx
Your donations support the work of this church.
Thank you! Please feel free to add a note to direct your donation to a specific effort.

Pick up your name tags! 🚩

Need a name tag? [Fill out this form](#) to request a physical name tag.

Our Mission

First Unitarian aims to create a welcoming community of diverse individuals; to promote love, reason, and freedom in religion; to foster lifelong spiritual growth; and to act for social justice.

Our Vision

First Unitarian Portland is a beacon of hope for us and for our community, a spiritual center in the heart of our city that helps each of us to find our moral compass, calling and challenging us to build the beloved community with an ever-deepening sense of spirit, diversity, & inclusion.

Shared Plate

For the month of December, we share our plate with [Aliento](#), a community organization in Phoenix that believes in transforming trauma into hope and action with dreamers, undocumented students, and mixed-status families. In Oct., First U's delegation canvassed alongside teens and young adults of Aliento to oppose Arizona's anti-immigrant proposition.