



Our spiritual practice for December is **Choosing Hope**.

“Hope just means another world might be possible, not promised.”

~Rebecca Solnit

Sunday, December 24th, 2025

“Silent Night, Holy Night: A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service”

with Rev. Mary Gear, Rev. Sara Lewis, Troy Fisher, and the OUUC Choir

At OUUC, masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don't feel well.

Kindly put your cell phones into Airplane Mode to help us ensure a meaningful experience for all in attendance, onsite and online.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Prelude

*Saxophone - Tim Owen
(he/him)*

Anthem/Music

“You are the Light”

From: Tuvayhun - Beatitudes for a Wounded
World

Words: Charles Anthony Silvestri / Music: Kim
Andre Arnesen

*OUUC Choir with Soloist:
Saxophone - Tim Owen*

Welcome

Curt Hill (he/him)

Chalice Lighting

Words of Dan Lambert

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Christmas Eve Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

Sing Together

Hymn #231 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Words: Earl Marlatt / Music: French carol, 1855

*OUUC Choir and
Congregation*

Opening Words

Words of Shari Woodbury

*Rev. Mary Gear, Troy Fisher,
Rev. Sara Lewis, & Curt Hill*

Sing Together

Hymn #237 “The First Nowell”

Words English carol / Music: William Sandys’s
Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern Harmony by
John Stainer

*OUUC Choir and
Congregation*

Story

From the Christian Bible, Book of Luke,
Chapter 2

Curt Hill

Music

“Ave Maria”

Music: William Gomez

*Soprano - Mary McCann
(she/her)*

Story

“The Barn” by Elizabeth Coatsworth

Rev. Sara Lewis

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Story

From the Christian Bible, Book of Matthew,
Chapter 2

Rev. Mary Gear

Sing Together

Hymn #246 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Words: Phillips Brooks / Music: Lewis H. Redner

*OUUC Choir and
Congregation*

Offering for the Ministers’ Benevolence Fund

Curt Hill

Offertory

“Star of Bethlehem”

Words: Leslie Bricusse / Music: John Williams,
arr. by Tom Fettke

OUUC Choir

Story *Rev. Sara Lewis*
“Christmas Eve Night” by Mary Wellemeyer

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Story
“You Have to Know Your Body as the Home of God” by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Sharing the Light *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Sing Together *Congregation*

Hymn #251 “Silent Night”

Words: Joseph Mohr, trans. by J. Freeman Young
(sts. 1 & 3) and anonymous (sts. 2) Music: Franz
Gruber

Benediction *Rev. Mary Gear*

Postlude *Saxophone - Tim Owen*

Next Sunday, December 28, 2025:

“New Year Fire Communion” with Rev. Sara Lewis

Please join us for a very different kind of worship experience as we hold outdoor worship stations to pause, release what we want to release from 2024, and enter 2025 with new intentions. NOTE: There will be no nursery care, and this service will not be streamed online. Please join us outside and onsite.

Dress for the weather!

Tonight’s offering will support the Ministers’ Benevolence Fund.

With this fund, all of the ministers here are able to help those who request it – people connected with the congregation and others who ask for help. These past few months, we have helped with moving costs, car repairs, and unexpected funeral expenses. There are so many stories

and so much need. Together, we can do so much more than any one of us alone. Thank you for your generosity.

If you write a check, please note "Minister's Benevolence" in the memo line.

- Checks can be mailed to: 2306 East End St NW, Olympia, WA 98502
 - Donate online at <https://onrealm.org/OUUC/give/MinBenev>
 - Donate by text: Text "OUUC offering" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.
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