

Events and Information (please see your newsletter for details)

Sunday, December 17

12:30 pm Holiday Pageant, Auditorium
2:00-4:00 pm Holiday Open House with the Kendricks
4:00 pm The Rogues of Arcadia, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 Zen Meditation Group, Auditorium

Thursday, December 21

6:30 pm Winter Solstice Service, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Young Adult Connections, Hale Chapel

Sunday, December 24

11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

Monday December 25

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, December 26

6:30 pm Zen Meditation Group, Hale Chapel

Wednesday, December 27

6:30 pm Women's Salon, Sibyl'sHome

Thursday, December 28

6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:00 pm Young Adult Connections, Hale Chapel

Sunday, December 31

2-11:00 First Night Activities (button required) and our café; volunteer at the café.

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Rev. Stephen Kendrick

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Order of Service

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Prelude	<i>Symphonie des noels</i> Michel Corrette (1709-1795)	The Rogues of Arcadia
*Hymn SLT #338	I Seek the Spirit of a Child	
Chalice Words		Rebekah Ingram
Time for All Ages		Ruth Owen
*Gloria	Praise be to God, Almighty works acclaim. Whose years are endless, yet is God the same. O sing in praise; give glory to the Holy name. Allelujah! Allelujah!	
Announcements		Rev. Rosemary Lloyd
Responsive Reading #664	Give Us the Spirit of the Child	Meredith Harron
Anthem	<i>In dulci jubilo</i> trad. 14 th -c. melody	The Rogues of Arcadia
Reading		Rev. Rosemary Lloyd
*Hymn STL #221	Light One Candle Choir leads verses, Congregation sings refrains	
Prayer		Rev. Stephen Kendrick
Offertory	from <i>Cantata 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme</i> Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Singing Society	
*Doxology	From all that dwell below the skies, Let Faith and Hope with Love arise, Let Beauty, Truth and Good be sung Through every land, by every tongue.	

Sermon	<i>Bring More Candles</i>	Rev. Stephen Kendrick
*Hymn SLT #254	We Sing Now of Christmas v. 1 soloist, vv.2-5 congregation	
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Noëls</i> Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1635-1704)	The Rogues of Arcadia

*As you are able, please stand.

** Hymn books: SLT=Singing the Living Tradition, STJ=Singing the Journey

Music in Today's Service

The Singing Society will join the First Church Choir and the Rogues of Arcadia to sing the most well-known portion of Cantata 140 along with the final chorale. These two movements are based on Lutheran hymn texts announcing the coming of Christmas.

The Rogues of Arcadia, an ensemble of four, based in Portland, Maine, performs 17th- and 18th-century music on period instruments (Michael Albert and Anthony Allen, baroque violins and recorders, Angus Lansing, viola da gamba, Paul Cienniwa, organ and harpsichord). Join them at 4:00 pm this afternoon for a concert here at First Church. Tickets will be available at the door.

Special thanks to The Rogues of Arcadia and Larry Phillips (Offertory basso continuo).

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Please use the enclosed note card to write your questions for the January 7, 2007 Question Box sermon. Please place your card in the box in the Narthex.

Holiday Pageant and lunch, today, after church.

Minister's Open House, today, 2-4:00 pm, all welcome.

The Rogues of Arcadia Christmas Concert, today, at 4:00 pm.

Winter Solstice Service, Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm. Child care available. Call Rosemary for information.

Sunday December 24, two services, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. Bring non-perishable food for Rosie's place. The special Christmas offering at the 5:30 service will be divided between the Rhys Williams Ministerial Scholarship Fund and Lend a Hand. Child care available at both services.

Donations for our holiday decorations should be sent in to the office. Please note "Holiday Decorations" on your check. Thank you.

First Night Café, Sunday, December 31. We are a First Night Boston site (First Night Button required); activities run from 2-11:00 pm. Call David Reno or Anna Thol-Reno to volunteer 617-536-9866.

Book Group, Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 at Helen's. They will read *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabakov.