

**Events and Information**  
(please see your newsletter for details)

**Monday, December 22**  
6:00 pm, Purls of Wisdom Holiday Yarn Swap, Parlor

**Tuesday, December 23**  
6:00 pm, Zen Meditation, Hale Chapel

**Wednesday, December 24**  
5:30 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 25**  
Christmas Day

**Wednesday, December 31**  
First Night in Boston and First Church Café, all spaces

If any church business or pastoral  
needs arise during December 27 and  
New Year's Day,  
please call  
Rev. Stephen Kendrick at 617-523-8901  
or  
Rev. Rosemary Lloyd at 781-259-0356

**Senior Minister**  
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Robin Tanner  
Tim House

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John Benson

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**The First Church Choir**  
**Soprano:** Angela Henstra,  
Vanessa Isiguen, Christine  
Teeters, Rebecca Teeters  
**Alto:** Carola Emrich-Fisher,  
Christina English, Roberta  
Gilbert  
**Tenor:** Ethan Bremner, Chris  
Mahoney, Larry Phillips  
**Bass:** David Frieze, Bill Thorpe,  
Bob Winkley

**Upcoming Events**

**Purls of Wisdom Knitting Group Holiday Yarn Swap**, Monday, December 22 at 6:00 pm.  
Knitters of all levels are invited. Bring a bag supper and some yarn to swap.

**Christmas Eve Service**, Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30 pm. Join us for Christmas Eve lessons,  
carols and candlelight.

**First Night Boston and First Night Café**—We are looking for volunteers to help Ruth Owen  
and her team serve cookies and hot drinks. A large presence of church members will help to  
boost our visibility at this festive and well-supported event. Please email Ruth at  
ruth@firstchurchboston.org or call her at 617-267-6730 ext. 223 to sign up.

**Question Box Sermon**—Don't forget to prepare your questions for Revs. Kendrick and Lloyd in  
advance of the Question Box Sermon on January 4. You can also email your questions to  
office@firstchurchboston.org and be sure to include the subject line: Question Box.

**Winter Feast for the Soul**—Information session about spiritual practice will be held after  
service on Sunday, January 11 at 12:30 pm. For more information, contact Rev. Rosemary Lloyd  
at rosemary@firstchurchboston.org or call her at 617-267-6730 ext. 226.

**Evening book group** meets at the church on Wed evening, Jan 14 at 7:30 pm. **Please note new  
location.** R.S.V.P. to Lollie Sharpe at 617-921-7294 or emailloolie@yahoo.com . New members  
welcome. Contact Lollie for further information.

**The Holiday Decorations Committee** is requesting your help in defraying the cost of our  
holiday greenery. Any donations will be warmly appreciated—thank you!

We are collecting food to donate to the **Greater Boston Food Bank**. Information about what  
foods are needed and how they are distributed is available in the narthex and also on the church  
website. Ask Tim House, intern, if you have questions, or email him at house.calls@verizon.net

**The Spirit in Poetry**— An informal workshop that focuses on poetry, will meet Thursdays from  
6:30-8:30 pm, starting January 29. See your newsletter for more information, or email Tim House  
at house.calls@verizon.net

**Church Directory 2009**— If any of your contact details have changed since the 2008 directory  
was published, please email the new information to office@firstchurchboston.org

**Order of Service**  
Sunday, December 21, 2008

**Prelude** from *Magnificat on the 4th tone* Jean Titelouze (c.1562/3-1633)

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Stephen Kendrick

**\*Hymn # 221** Light One Candle MACCABEE

**Chalice Words** Tim House

**Time for all Ages** "Mad Libs" Ruth Owen

**\*Hymn # 244** It Came upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

**Responsive Reading # 653** Reflections on the Resurgence of Joy  
by Dori Jeanine Somers

**Anthem** *Verbum caro factum est, SWV 314* Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)  
Christina English, Carola Emrich-Fisher, mezzo-sopranos  
*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

**Reading** "The Long Walk"  
by David Blanchard Rev. Stephen Kendrick

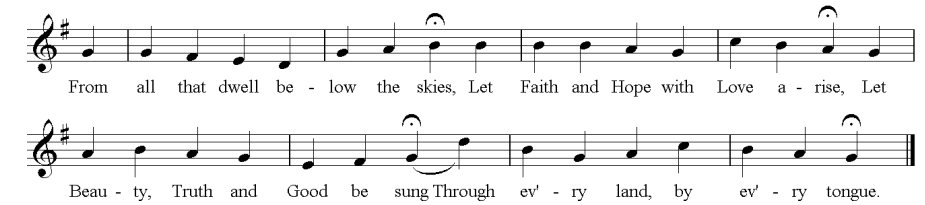
**\*Hymn # 224** Let Christmas Come DANBY

**Prayer** Robin Tanner

**Offertory** *Sanctus (St. Cecilia Mass)* Charles Gounod (1818-1893)  
Ethan Brenner, tenor soloist  
*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Please bring your donations for the Boston Food Bank  
to the chancel during the sung offertory

**\*Doxology**



**Sermon** "Light One Candle" Rev. Rosemary Lloyd

**\*Hymn # 245** Joy to the World! ANTIOCH

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Bon Joseph écoutez moi* Jean-François Dandrieu (c.1682- 1738)

\*As you are able, please stand.

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**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the narthex.**  
**Visitors are invited to take a blue cup so that we may recognize and welcome you.**

Large type hymnals, including responsive readings, are available as you enter the Sanctuary.

Childcare for any age child is in the John Winthrop School.

Due to recent incidents, please do not leave valuable personal property on the coat rack.  
We cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen property.