

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 3rd

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM
Social Justice Meeting, Chapel, 12:30 PM

Wednesday, December 6

Vespers, Chapel, 6:15 PM

Saturday, December 9

Church Potluck, Chapel, 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 10th

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM
Worship Committee Meeting, Chapel, 12:30 PM
Diana Smith, Minister's Office, 12:30 PM
Music Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 12:30 PM
Soul Matters Sharing Circle, Parlor, 12:40 PM

**Denotes a non-church event, open to the public.*

The last Social Justice Coordinating Committee meeting for 2017 is today at 12:30 in the chapel. Join us to hear about our Vigil to End Gun Violence on Dec. 14th, the progress in the struggle for criminal justice reform and affordable housing, and the plan to re-ignite the campaign for affordable and universal health care. We need to hear your concerns and inputs about these and other issues, and we need your energy, time, and inspiration as we work with our community partners to push forward in these difficult times. Please join us at 12:30 in the chapel.

Call for Volunteer Singers

If you would love to have an opportunity to sing with our choir at First Church Boston for our Christmas Eve service, please contact me, Robert August at jsbach_august@yahoo.com.

The choir will be singing several anthems which we will rehearse on Sunday, December 10 and 17 from 10:00 to 10:30, and on Sunday, December 24 at 3:30 for the 5:30 o'clock Christmas Eve service.

Please let me know what part you sing (soprano, alto, tenor, or bass) and please plan to attend all rehearsals.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Robert August, Director of Music
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WHERE LOVE &
WISDOM MEET

Sunday December 3, 2017

This Week: Rev. Stephen Kendrick
"What is Your Time?"

Next Week: Diana Smith, "Into the Dark"

Soulful Sundowns are Wednesdays at 6:15

- ~ Vespers is Wednesday Dec 6th
- ~ Dinner Church is Wednesday Dec 13th
- ~ Sanctuary is Wednesday Dec 20th

Then Soulful Sundowns resume 3rd Wednesday in January



SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

What you can bring to this year's HOLIDAY POTLUCK & AUCTION

OUR COMMUNITY: SHARING TOGETHER

Saturday December 9, 6 – 8pm

Prep and clean up volunteers needed too!

The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Sinfonia from *Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome Diana Smith

*** Hymn # 144** Now Is the Time Approaching WEBB

Chalice Lighting & Invocation

Love is the spirit of this church, And service its law. This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to help one another.

The Work of Community

Time for All Ages The Great Hooray Lara Profitt and Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Children of new and returning families are invited to join Lara for the children's spiritual education session, held downstairs in the John Winthrop School.

Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Greeting Your Neighbor

Responsive Reading # 531 The Oversoul Emerson

Affirmation Spirit of Life

Musical Meditation Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

Brief Announcements Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

Reading "The Ticket", Anne Porter Diana Smith

Going Deeper

Prayer Diana Smith

***Hymn # 94** What Is This Life DEVOTION

Reading from Milton Brasher-Cunnigham's *Keeping the Feast* Aisha Ansano

Sermon "What is Your Time?" Rev. Kendrick

Offertory

Let Us Love in Deed and Truth

Larry King (1932-1990)

*Doxology



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

***Hymn # 119** Once to Every Soul and Nation EBENEZER

***Benediction** Rev. Kendrick

Postlude Nun danket alle Gott Sigfried Karg Elert (1877-1933)

*Please stand as you are able.

Thank you to Ann & Taft Murray for this Sunday's Coffee Hour.

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