

**The First Religious Society in Carlisle  
Unitarian Universalist**

***2nd Sunday in Advent: Peace***

December 10, 2017 Order of Service, 10:00 am

**\*Asterisks indicate that the congregation will stand as able in body or in spirit**

**Prelude** Chorale Prelude on *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* Paul Manz

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** The Reverend Lisa Mobayed

**\*Hymn No. 100 I've Got Peace Like a River**

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle  
(Response, spoken in unison)** Kelly and Julia Price

*May there be peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world.*

**\*Chalice Lighting** (spoken in unison)

*May the light of this flame illuminate lives and strivings of the spirit.  
May it heal misunderstandings and strengthen love.*

**\*Covenant of the Congregation** (spoken in unison)

*Love is the doctrine of this church;  
The quest for truth is our sacrament;  
And service is our prayer.  
To dwell together in peace;  
To seek knowledge in freedom;  
To serve humanity in friendship;  
To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine –  
Thus do we covenant with each other and with God.*

**Story** Pam Howell, Director of Religious Education

**Children's Recessional**

*Go your way in peace; wander as you may.  
Blessed is the path you take, may love guide you on your way.  
Comfort find in truth; may your struggles cease.  
May the fire within your heart light the way of peace.\**

\*Music & lyrics by Jim Scott, adapted from Mozart. ©2005 Jim Scott (SESAC)

**Candles of Community** Rev. Mobayed  
A time to share the prayer on your heart

**Prayer** by Diane Ackerman, adapted

**Choral Response** In the Gentle of the Moon words by Carl Seaburg; music: Hasidic tune

**Offering: Shared today with The Sharing Foundation**  
(see announcements for more information)

**Offertory Anthem** Pacem Patrick M. Liebergen

**\*Doxology No. 402** From you I receive to you I give,  
together we share, and from this, we live

**Reading** by Thich Nhat Hanh

**\*Hymn No. 238 Within the Shining of a Star**

**Sermon** Receiving Peace Rev. Mobayed

**Silent Meditation**

**\*Hymn No. 226 People Look East**

**\*Benediction** Gaelic Blessing

**Choral Response** *Peace Be Unto This Congregation* Niki M. Davis

**Chalice Extinguishing** (spoken in unison)  
*Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.*

**Postlude** Chorale Prelude on *Vom Himmel hoch* J. S. Bach

Greeter: Karen and Tom Dunkers

Verger: Nancy Hartle

Coffee Hour comestibles: Congregants with last names Q-V

**Accessibility:** The elevator to all three floors of the building is located in the hallway through the door next to the pulpit. Personal hearing devices are available on tables at the back of the Sanctuary.

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**A Welcoming Congregation**

### Today in Religious Education

Little's (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler

K-5th Grades - Elf Workshop 10am-12pm

Children will be making gifts with the Elf Helpers (JYG and NYG teens)

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - with 6th Graders!

7-8:30 Elf Crafting - A chance for teens to make gifts in the Elf Workshop

8:30-9pm - Games and Dark Silence.

Next Sunday in RE 12/17-

Little Angel Sunday - Children (K-5th) arrive at 9:40 to don their robes and shine their little lights.

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### Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 10	9:15-9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
		Nursery is open after the Message for All Ages
	10:00am	Service
	11:00am	Coffee Hour
	7:00pm	Winter Holiday Concert, Sanctuary
Monday, December 11	7:00pm	Buildings & Grounds Cmte, RE office
Wednesday, December 13	9:00am-2:00pm	Auction Committee, Widrick Room
Friday, December 15	7:00pm	WomenSpirit, Union Hall

### Upcoming Services

Dec 17th, Third Sunday of Advent: Receiving Joy. Angel Sunday - the Children's Choir will sing.

Dec 24th, Christmas Eve Services, 3pm (family)

5pm (candlelight) Fourth Sunday of Advent: Receiving Love

### Announcements

**Share the Plate:** We share the plate today (50-50) with The Sharing Foundation Foundation in Cambodia. Founded by a FRS member, TSF provides schooling and housing for orphaned and disadvantaged Cambodian children. In the past our

offering has gone to buy books for the library TSF established at the grammar school in Roteang Village. This is one of the only public school libraries in Cambodia, and it is in a building with classrooms on either side, that TSF built. All children in the school get times in the library, and adding new books is a real incentive for their learning.

### A message from the Worship Arts Committee: Can you help?

The Holidays Concert tonight is more than an FRS event, it's looked forward to by people all over Carlisle. We can easily have 120 or more attendees, and naturally we want to be good hosts. The Worship Arts Committee will provide sweet and savory foods for the after-concert reception, but with that many people likely attending, they would welcome contributions from other church members. If you can help, please come early, say 6:30 - 6:40 (you will want to anyway in order to get a good pew) and drop off your item in Union Hall. Thank you.

**Pastoral Concerns Ride Board:** If you have trouble driving -- at all or at night -- and would like a ride to and from the FRS holiday concert (tonight, Sunday evening, Dec. 10), please email [nancyswest@gmail.com](mailto:nancyswest@gmail.com). If you would be willing to give someone else a ride to/from the holiday concert, please email [nancyswest@gmail.com](mailto:nancyswest@gmail.com) or speak with her at Coffee Hour.

**A note to parents:** Want to hear the service but your child is restless yet not ready for Sunday School? We have set up a sound system in the RE office, downstairs. Feel free to go down and listen if your child needs some freedom to play and just be a child.

**A note to visitors:** We hope you will join us at Coffee Hour immediately following the service. If you would like to know more about us and let us learn about you, please take a RED Mug so we can find you.

### Reminder from the Finance Committee

Are you 70½ or older and have an IRA? If so, the IRS requires you to take a minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA each year. They also allow you to designate a donation to a charitable organization (such as FRS) as part of the distribution. This reduces your adjusted gross income (AGI) by the amount of the donation. Your AGI is used to determine your Medicare premiums and if you are subject to the ACA surtax on investment income. (An itemized deduction does not reduce your AGI). The holder or manager of your IRA account will have a form for

you to use to make a contribution. The contribution must come directly from them, not from you, so you must do this before you receive your distribution. This is for IRA accounts only, not other types of retirement accounts.

### Community Events

#### **A note from Abby Zimmerman:**

This coming Wednesday, 12/13, at 7PM, there will be a traffic safety forum in the Corey Auditorium. People are concerned about poor crosswalk signage, the speed limit in the center of town, and distracted driving.

This open forum is an important step in figuring out what the problems are and what solutions are possible, both long and short term.

On behalf of all people who use the crosswalks and pathways in town, I appeal to members of FRS to please attend this meeting.

#### **Carlisle 6th Grade Class Coat Drive For Needy Families in Lowell**

The Carlisle 6th Grade Class has organized a community wide coat drive for the families of the Lincoln Elementary School, Stoklosa Middle School and Butler Middle School in Lowell. Bring clean, gently used winter coats and jackets in all sizes - baby through adult - and drop them either in the coat boxes outside the Carlisle 6th grade classrooms and in the front school lobby starting Monday, December 4th and continuing through Friday, December 15th. Donated coats and jackets can also be dropped in a bag outside rear door of FRS on Friday, December 8th or brought to church on Sunday morning, December 10th.

Questions? Lauree Cameron Eckler at lacameroneckler@comcast.net or (617) 645-5210.

#### **Film And Panel Discussion: Project Drawdown, a Comprehensive Plan to Reverse Global Warming, Monday, December 11, 7-8:30 PM** Bedford Public Library

There is no silver bullet for climate change because slowing planetary warming will require a variety of strategies. Drawdown, a new book edited by the green entrepreneur, Paul Hawken, analyzes 100 solutions, ranks them by the amount of greenhouse gases they could cut, and reaches some surprising conclusions. Join us for a brief film about the Drawdown plan. It will be followed by a panel discussion Sponsored by Bedford Energy Task Force, Transition Town Bedford

### About the Music

Paul Manz, (1919 – 2009) was an American composer for choir and organ. Trained as an educator at Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest, Illinois (now Concordia University Chicago ) he earned a Master's Degree in Music at Northwestern University. The American Guild of Organists listed him as one of the “101 Most Notable Organists of the 20th Century.” His most famous organ works are his volumes of neo-Baroque chorale preludes and partitas, like the one that is our **Prelude** today. As a performer, Manz was most famous for his celebrated hymn festivals. Instead of playing traditional organ recitals, Manz would generally lead a "festival" of hymns from the organ, in which he introduced each hymn with one of his famously creative organ improvisations based on the hymn tune in question. The congregation would then sing the hymn with his accompaniment.

The **Offertory Anthem** shows composer Patrick Liebergen's ability to intermingle two melodies, combining the beloved canon, "Dona nobis pacem," with the carol “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly.” Infant Holy, Infant Lowly is a traditional Polish Christmas carol dating back to the 13th century. Dona Nobis Pacem translates as “God Grant us Peace”. This Anthem begins with the music and words of "Infant Holy" then continues with music and words to the "Dona Nobis" then combines them near the end.

The words to the **Choral Response** were written by Carl G. Seaburg (October 21, 1922 - December 16, 1998), who was a minister, scholar, writer, editor and long-time member of the staff of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He is best known in church circles as a hymn writer and as an editor and anthologist of liturgical materials. He was a long-time friend of Woody and Trudy Widrick and visited FRS several times.

The words to **Hymn 226**, “People Look East” were written for *The Oxford Book of Carols* (1928) by Eleanor Farjeon, (1881 – 1965) who also was the lyricist for “Morning Has Broken.” She was an English author of children's stories and plays, poetry, biography, history and satire. She came from a literary family and was good friends with D. H. Lawrence, Walter de la Mare and Robert Frost. She won many literary awards, including the first international Hans Christian Andersen Medal in 1956. The Eleanor Farjeon Award for children's literature is presented annually in her memory by the Children's Book Circle, a society of publishers.

Notes for *About the Music* are from internet sources.