

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION  
Cheryl Dixon Paul, Worship Associate

PRELUDE "Lo, How a Rose" Praetorius  
Bell Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

**\*\*OPENING CAROL "The First Nowell"**

*1. The first Nowell the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

*2. They look-ed up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

*3. And by the light of that same star, Three Wise men came from country far, To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

COVENANT

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.

CHILD DEDICATION Calvin Anglin Melting

CANDLE LIGHTING

A time to share a brief personal joy or sorrow. A Pastoral Care Chaplain will be present at the candle boat after service.

MEDITATION Rev. Morehouse

MUSIC "God Bless Us Everyone" Ballard and Silvestri  
Jenna McPartland, soloist

SERMON "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Rev. Shelly Thompson

OFFERING

AFFIRMATION OF GRATITUDE

Let us be grateful when we are able to give, for many do not have that privilege.

Let us be grateful for all those who share their gifts, for we are enriched by their giving.

And let us be grateful even for our needs, so that we may learn from the generosity of others.

CLOSING CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold, "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men from heav'n's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfur'd, And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world: Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing. And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Angels We Have Heard" Trad. French  
Bell Choir

*Poinsettias*

Donated to the congregation by Marion Wertheim  
Be well! Be merry!

**\*\*Latecomers will be seated at this time.**

Parents with babies/young toddlers please use our foyer to enjoy the service. Listening assistive headphones are on the back wall of the Sanctuary.

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're here this morning. If this is one of your first visits with us, please stop by the visitors' table (below the WELCOME sign) for information and answers to questions you may have about this UU community. And join us after the service for refreshments and conversation. More information about our programs and our Event Calendar can be found at our website [www.uuwestport.org](http://www.uuwestport.org)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**Holiday Appeal:** Please consider making an end-of-year contribution to our congregation, and visit the Year Round Stewards in the lobby after the service. Look for Rev. John's letter explaining this giving opportunity.

**The Board & COM present the Strategic Plan:** Please join members of the Board and the Committee on Ministry in the foyer after the service to learn about the new Strategic Plan and about preparation for a proposed Capital Campaign.

**Leadership Development Team (LDT) presents *Harvest the Power*:** Join Rev. John for this engaging series designed to enrich the skills of both new and experienced leaders. 12 Sunday sessions will run from 12:30-2pm beginning in January. Contact [ldt@uuwestport.org](mailto:ldt@uuwestport.org) with questions or to apply.

**Year-Round Stewardship Committee needs your help:** If you are looking for an opportunity to contribute to our congregation, if you want to meet new people in our community, if you understand that the financial health of our church is important, you can be a "Visiting Steward"! Please email [stewardship@uuwestport.org](mailto:stewardship@uuwestport.org). Mark your calendars for a fun and interactive training session to be held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Coming in January:** Sight Singing and Voice Classes. See Soundings for more information.

## *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful*

Rev. Shelly Thompson

December 23, 2018



## The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: M. Money; G. Newell; L. O'Donnell

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Rev. Shelly Thompson, Assistant Minister for Faith Formation

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

Saundra Clements, Acting Children's Program Coordinator

David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Director of Membership

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** *The Unitarian Church in Westport is a diverse and welcoming religious community, free of creed and dogma, and open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs. We inspire and support individual spiritual growth. We connect through worship, music, learning, and caring ministries. We act in the service of peace and justice.*