

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUT OF COURTESY & RESPECT, PLEASE TURN OFF/MUTE
CELL PHONES, AND OTHER DEVICES. THANK YOU!

*Rising together in community, as we are able.

+Music for Gathering: “Linus & Lucy”

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Carol of the Bells”

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

Invocation

*Opening Hymn: # 235 “Deck the Halls”

*Responsive Reading: # 445 “The Womb of Stars”

*Congregational Covenant (Unison)

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

*Greeting the Holy in Our Midst

Message for all Ages: “The Christians and the Pagans”
by Dar Williams

Children’s Benediction (sung in unison)

*Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the Spirit of Love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go*

Communion of Names and Prayer

+ Silence and Musical Meditation:

*Hymn of Reflection: # 244 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Reading: “For Calling the Spirit Back from Wandering the Earth
in Its Human Feet” by Joy Harjo

**Offertory: “Here We Go a Wassailing”

Offering Response - “We are One, We are Many” (onscreen)

Sermon: “Wassail Ya’ll: A Texas Yule Service”

Guest Speaker – Kiya Heartwood

*Closing Hymn: # 231 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Extinguishing the Chalice (Unison)

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment:
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

*Benediction

(Please be seated)

Postlude: Jolly Old St Nicholas arranged by John Schaum

Fellowship and Refreshments (Founders Hall)

Church Chats (Sermon Discussion Sanctuary)

+(After the silence, please feel free to come forward & light a candle)

**Offering: This church is supported by the pledges of our members and friends.
The offering provides an additional opportunity for expressing generosity by those
attending today’s worship.

OUR SHARED MINISTRY THIS MORNING

Guest Speaker: *Kiya Heartwood*

Worship Associate: *Jeannette Baillie*

Facilitator: *Tom Reid*

Board Member on duty: *Cindy Hadden*

Chalice Lighter:

Ushers: *Sarah Reiling and Janice Hildenbrand*

Flowers:

Musician: *Susy Gulley*

Membership Representatives: *Gene and Vicki Verinder*

Audio/Visual Technician: *Rob Hight*

Fellowship: *Families whose last name falls between Salvo
and Verinder*

Next Sunday – December 22 - “Light in the Darkness”, Guest
Speaker Elena Westwood.