

CHRISTMAS EVE 2023  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO  
A CHILD IS BORN

**Gathering Hymn** (see insert) O Come, all Ye Faithful

**Words of Welcome**

**Lighting of the Chalice**

**Hymn** (see insert) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**Community Offering**

All of tonight's offerings will support the Creation District which provides creative outlets, community and hope to at-risk youth. To donate by text send the amount (no dollar sign needed) to 916-619-0903. A first-time set-up is required.

**Offertory** Sing We Now of Christmas  
Kyle Pederson (arr.)

**Reading** Each Night a Child is Born is a Holy Night  
-Sophia Lyon Fahs (adapt)

**Prayer for the Children**

**Gift of Music** All Around the Child  
-Jim Scott

**Ancient Scripture** Gospel of Luke Chapter 2: 1-20

**Reading** Christmas 1974  
-Mary Sarton

**Hymn** (see insert) O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Homily** A Child is Born

**Sharing the Light**



**Hymn** Silent Night

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia,"  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Child of God, Love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

[Repeat 1st verse]

**Benediction**

**Postlude** The Night of Silence  
-Kantor/Gruber



Join us for a New Year's Day  
Labyrinth Meditation and Brunch  
Monday Jan. 1, 2023, 9 a.m.

Join Rev. Lucy Bunch for a quiet meditation for the New Year at the outdoor Labyrinth. Lucy will provide a reading and question to prompt your reflections. Then we'll share brunch together. Bring a breakfast dish to share if you can; coffee & tea provided.

Bring a friend and join us for this yearly tradition!



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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 24, 2023

Rev. Lucy Bunch and Ministerial Intern Rosemary Dodd  
UUSS Choir, Anthony Tavianini, Music Director  
Irina Tchantceva, Pianist,  
Laura Harrington, oboe/english horn, Erin Byerly, flute  
Vocalists Barbara Dace, Tammie Helenske, and Kathleen Mead

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