



Friends Church

An Open & Affirming Congregation



Advent Candle

Lauren Plummer (2018)

Friends Congregational Church
Music Ministry
presents
ILLUMINARE

Composed by Elaine Hagenberg
December 12, 2024
7:30pm

WELCOME TO FRIENDS CHURCH!

We are honored that you have chosen to spend your Thursday evening with us. Friends Congregational Church is an Open & Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all people into the full life and ministry of our church—people of all ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dan De Leon

CHORAL PRELUDE *O Come, Emmanuel*, composed by Elaine Hagenberg

SCRIPTURE READINGS Selections from Isaiah and Matthew

Trent Williams

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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I. Splendor

Saint Ambrose (340-397)

Splendor of God's glory,
brings forth light from light,
light of light, light's living spring,
Day, all days illuminates.

II. Caritas

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Love abounds in all,
from the depths most excellent
to beyond the stars,
and loving toward all,
she has given the highest king
the kiss of peace.

III. Nox

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Aurelius Prudentius Clemens (348-413)

Night and darkness and fog,
confused world and turmoil.
Dark gloom tears the earth,
beats and stabs the sun.

IV. Munera pacis

Matt Hoffman, tenor

Saint Gregory (540-604)

Behold, already night and shadows taper off
Light and dawn sparkle and quiver
We humbly beg the Lord through song
Our voices pray:

Though we are guilty, view us with compassion
Banish anguish, bestow health
Grant us everlasting goodness
Give us peace.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world giveth, give I to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

V. Illuminre his

Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Illuminate those in darkness
and in the shadow of death are seated
direct our footpath in the way of peace.

BENEDICTION

Dan De Leon

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE, DEC 18: The Longest Night service is on Dec 18 at 6:30pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, DEC 24: The Christmas Eve service is on Dec 24 at 6:30pm.

**FRIENDS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CHANCEL CHOIR
CHRIS HOFFMAN, CONDUCTOR**

Soprano

Ericalynn Cannon
Hayley Coltharp
Hallie Gammon
Cathy Hansen
Cecelia Hawkins
Leigh Ingerslew
Ashlie Metcalf
Anne Nichols
Sheridan Phillips
Holly Scott
Katrina Simank

Alto

Jennie Adams
Sue Ambrus
Mo Bertrand
Nancy Bertsch
Kim Cabrera
Brooke Dooley
Kim Dooley
Linda Fitzwater
Clarissa Kennedy
Sally Manthei
Margaret Martin
Kathy Miller
Abigail Moody
Diane Simpson
Charity Stokes

Tenor

Andy Ambrus
Matt Hoffman
Ronnie Holz
David Manuel

Bass

Tyler Baker-Wilkinson
Andy Tag
Kenya Terrell
Wolfgang Verdegaal
Tom Vogel

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Percussion

Sean Dudo

Piano

Bryce Reed

Violin I

Mario Monsreal
Megan Daum

Violin II

Marianne Henry
Ruthie De Leon

Viola

Paul Duston
Amy Palma

Violoncello

Andrew Nguyen
Sasha Ostrovsky

Contrabass

Porto Ortiz-Arrieta

NOTE OF GRATITUDE: The greeters helping with tonight's service are Eli Vasquez & Carolyn Young.

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