

December 24th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist
Church of Medford**
Christmas Eve: Be Not Afraid
Rev. Hank Peirce



The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome and Greeting:

Lindsey Greene

Chalice Lighting

Carol: Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

(Insert)

Prayer

Offering

Time for All Ages

Anthem

Reading: Luke 2:1-7:

Steve Schmidt

Carol # 244: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Reading: Luke 2:8-16:

Geoff Ward

Carol # 231: Angels We Have Heard on High

Reading: The Shepherds by Godfrey Rust

Carole Bundy

Carol #239: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Homily: Do Not Be Afraid

Candle Lighting:

Bring the insert with you.

We will form a circle around the sanctuary, and the light will be passed around and once all candles are lit we will sing silent night.

Pass the flame around by tipping your unlit candle into your neighbor's lit one.

Carol: Silent Night (insert) hum one more verse

Benediction

Carol: Joy to the World (insert)

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

Thank you for joining us this morning! We recognize that you have many choices, and we are grateful you chose to be with us. We invite you to sign the guest book in the vestibule.

For more information about the church:

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Welcoming Congregation

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

Service Leader: **Rev. Hank Peirce**

Worship Associate: **Lindsey Greene**

Music: **Russell Tripp**

Tech Volunteers: **Lu Traina, Steve Schmidt, Nate Douglas**

Next Sunday: Rev. Lilia Cuervo: The Golden Rule: Can
It Be Improved