

## Announcements

### Welcome!

If you are visiting today, please take a moment to fill out the yellow Newcomer Card located in the pew rack. It will allow you to sign up for our monthly newsletter, *FirstNews*, and our weekly e-newsletter, *The Flame*. Please also stop by our Welcome Table in the gallery after the service or speak with a minister to learn more about our liberal religious home.

### First Unitarian Universalist Building Tour

If you are new to the church, or just visiting, and would like a tour of the church building, please meet your tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Tours will last approximately 15-20 minutes.

### Invitation to Membership today at 12:30 pm in Stebbins Library

Have you found a spiritual home here? Are you interested in joining this church? Do you wish to become a member of our beloved community? If you answered yes to these questions, then please join **Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae** and members of this community immediately following the service in Stebbins Library in the main church office for our Invitation to Membership Sunday.

### Come Learn the Yoga Sutras!

#### Beyond Sunday Adult Religious Education Series Wednesdays, December 21 and continuing in January 7-8:00pm

The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali were written over 2,000 years ago and are the foundational texts of Raja Yoga. Each week in UU Meditation Chapel (right before class at 6pm), we put these teachings into practice to guide our spiritual exploration. Situated at the crossroads of Buddhism and Hinduism, these verses provide great insight into the nature of the mind, synthesize diverse religious wisdom, and provide a roadmap for holistic spiritual practices. If you could like to deepen your work with this material, I encourage you to attend UU Meditation Chapel at 6pm and then continue on to the class at 7pm.

Students should purchase a copy of the Yoga Sutras to guide their study although this is not absolutely necessary for a cursory survey of the material. I would recommend "The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali: A New Edition, Translation, and Commentary" by Edwin F. Bryant (2009). We will chant, discuss the text verse by verse, and reflect upon their meaning.

### Our Spirit Babies honoring those lost through miscarriage, abortion, and stillbirth Dec. 22 from 5-7pm – Winter Solstice The Chapel

An Interfaith Service for people to come together to remember, honor and bless their unborn. All whose lives have been touched are welcome. Officiants will include the Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae, members of the congregation, and clergy from the larger community. Participants are invited to bring a memento to place on the altar space. We look forward to sharing this space of memory and hope with you.

### Poinsettias for the Chancel

Each year we thrill to an abundance of red poinsettias, dedicated in honor or in memory of special loved ones. If you would like to contribute to this celebration, please send a check for \$25 for each dedication to the church office with POINSETTIAS in the memo line. Your name and dedication will appear in the order of service on Dec. 24 and 25.

## MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer, Interim Senior Minister  
The Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae, Beyond Sunday Minister  
The Rev. Fred Rabidoux, Pastoral Care Minister  
The Rev. Margot Campbell Gross, Minister Emerita

## AFFILIATED COMMUNITY MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. Kay Jorgensen, Minister Emerita  
The Rev. Alyson Jacks  
The Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul

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All-Church Retreat, Linda Enger  
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Flame, Galen Workman  
Finance, Thad Smith  
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Greeters, David Hulbert  
Green Committee, Margaret Pearce  
Guardian Group, Toby Meyer  
Hinckley Fund, Linda Enger  
Interfaith Food Pantry, Joan Labby & Garland Kyle  
Investment, Mark Calvey  
Joint Interfaith, John Young  
Library, Sonia Rosa Lokey  
Membership, Jamie Krovontka & George Cavage  
Men's Breakfast, Ed Sheffield  
Ministerial Intern, Amy Kelly  
Ministerial Relations, David Jones  
Music Committee, Carrie Steere-Salazar

Needleworkers, Karen Grech  
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Pagan Interest Circle, Carlowe Connelly  
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Planned Giving, Joan Rost & Toby Meyer  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, Katy Colpetzer  
Rheiner Committee, Dolores Priem  
School Americas Watch, Dolores Priem  
Society for Community Work, Joan Rost  
SF Food Bank, Margaret Pearce  
Primetimers, David Valentine  
Singletarians, Karen Grech  
Small Group Ministries, Alison Rittger  
Up On Top, Nan Parks McCarthy  
UU Animal Ministry, Dolores Priem & Patty Meyers  
Ushers, Linda Messner  
UUS for Peace, Dolores Priem  
UU/Sunday Forum, Karen Melander-Magoon  
UU/Service Committee, Linda Harris  
UU/United Nations Office, Liz Cormier  
UU/Legislative Committee, Amy Moses  
UU/Humanists & Non-Theists, Bob Burchfield  
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## THE MISSION

*The Mission of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco is to be a sanctuary for individual religious growth and learning, to celebrate life and worship in diverse fellowship, to bear witness to suffering and joy, and to work for peace and justice in our world.*

# "From Callithumpians to Pajama-Clad Tykes" by The Reverend Dr. Stephen H. Furrer December 18, 2011



## The First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

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"Welcome Christmas! Heel and toe  
Come and fill us ere you go!"

—Mary Mapes Dodge, "Stocking Song on Christmas Eve," *Rhymes and Jingles* (1904)

# Order of Service

December 18, 2011

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *My Heart Is Filled with Longing* Johannes Brahms  
*Behold, a Rose Is Blooming*

**Chalice & Advent Wreath lighting & Invocation**

☪ **Opening Hymn** *Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly* #235

## AFFIRMING COMMUNITY



**Greetings and Welcome to Guests...and to One Another**



Member, Board of Trustees

☪ **Reciting Our Congregational Covenant**

*Love is the Spirit of this Church, and service is its prayer. This is our Great Covenant: To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in freedom, and to help one another.*

☪ **Doxology**

From all that dwell be - low the skies; let songs of hope and  
De to - dos ba - jo el gran sol; sur - ja, es - pe - ran - za

5  
faith a - rise; Let peace, good - will on earth be sung through  
fé, a - mor; ver - dad, y be - lle - za can - tan - do, de

8  
ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.  
ca - da tie - rra, ca - da voz. A - men.

## CENTERING

**Responsive Reading** *One Small Face* #663

**Music** *Hashkiveinu*

## INTROSPECTION

**Spoken Meditation** The Reverend Jeremiah Kalendae

**Silent Meditation**

**Musical Meditation** *O Magnum Mysterium* Morten Lauridsen

## EXPLORATION

**Sermon** "From Callithumpians to Pajama-Clad Tykes"  
The Reverend Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

## RETURNING TO THE SERVICE OF LIFE

**Offertory** *There's a Song in the Air* Arr. Wilbur Held

☪ **Closing Hymn** *O We Believe in Christmas* #248

☪ **Closing Words**

**Postlude** *A Joyous Drumming* Arr. Diane Bish

Thank you Hospitality Ministry! Ushers led by **Linda Messner**.  
Greeters led by **David Hulbert**.  
Listening Aid devices handed out by **Joseph Akzam**.

## Poinsettia Dedications



Marguerite Johnson Blumenthal In memory of her dear parents,  
Fannie and Arthur L. Johnson

Melissa Fafarman In honor of J. Michael Thomas

Vera Lee In memory of her parents, Theron and Margaret Johnson

Cathy Lyon In memory of Holly O'Brien

Michele Garside McCarthy In memory of John Garside

Nan McGuire to honor Jeanne Denike

Mary Jane Mikuriya In memory of Tod. H. Mikuriya

Amy Kelly & Maric Munn In memory of our mothers, Miriam  
Schick and Marbeth Munn, both of whom moved to San  
Francisco and loved this church in their later years.

Jay Roller In memory of Rev. Laszlo Kiss

☪ **Please Rise in Body or Spirit**

☪☪☪ **Ideal Time for Late Seating**

## Today's Schedule

9:30 AM

**Forum: Singalong, all ages**

Martin Luther King Room

Continental breakfast \$3

Info: Karen Melander-Magoon, karenmm@sbcglobal.net

11:00 AM

**Worship Service**

Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

12:30 PM

**Invitation to Membership**

Stebbins Library

Info: Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae, jkalendae@uusf.org

## Next Sunday's Schedule (Dec. 25)

11:00 AM

**Worship Service**

Chapel

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

## Children & Youth Religious Education ("RE") Programs:

**Today:**

9:45 – 12:15 Pre-K care & religious education, Room A

9:30 – 10:30 Parents and Teachers of Teen Meeting with DRE; room tba

9:30 – 10:00 K-12<sup>th</sup> are in Forum for a Christmas carol sing-a-long  
with the folk orchestra.

10:00 – 12:00 Christmas Chapel in the chapel.

**Saturday December 24:**

4:15 p.m. Pageant Participants come to prepare for service.

Pizza will be served.

4:45 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Service

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Sunday, December 25:**

9:45 – 12:15 Pre-K care & religious education, Room A

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. No RE programming.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. K-12<sup>th</sup> in Service

## A CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE



*Two Christmas Eve Services  
Saturday, Dec. 24 at 4:45 pm  
and at 8:00 pm.*



Please join us for one or both of these beautiful candlelight services beginning at 4:45 pm in the Sanctuary. Between services our Board of Trustees will be serving coffee, tea, cookies and cake. We hope you can join us! On Christmas (Sunday) morning we will be having a special Worship service beginning at 11:00 am in the Chapel.