

# WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship Arts
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister of Membership & Adult Ministries
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Dr. Randal Buikema	Director of Choral Arts

## Chalice Lighters

Aristotle Pappajohn-Goldade	9:30 AM
Luca Knych	11:15 AM

## Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie  
Dr. Randal Buikema

## Holiday Decorations

The holiday decorations are a heartfelt gift from the Visual Arts Committee to the congregation.

## Offering: Beacon Interfaith Housing Collective

Beacon Interfaith is a Faith in Action partner with First Universalist Church and 60 other congregations in the Twin Cities metro area to end homelessness through housing, shelter, and public advocacy. Their work focuses on calling for solutions to homelessness in our communities, creating affordable housing, and coordinating an emergency shelter program. First Universalist Church will soon be hosting families without shelter this coming winter.

## First Universalist Orchestra

<b>Violin I</b>	<b>Flute</b>
Coleen Schaeffe	Martha Sawyer
Theresa Elliott	

<b>Violin II</b>	<b>Oboe</b>
Martha Moriarty	Joel Abdella

<b>Viola</b>	<b>Clarinet</b>
Svetlana Davis	Sandra Powers
Heidi Schultz	

<b>Bassoon</b>
Taryn Mortimer

<b>Cello</b>	<b>French horns</b>
Erin Dajka Holley	Allison Akins
Rosa Thompson Vieira	Bob Dansk

<b>Bass</b>	<b>Trombone</b>
Joan Griffith	Brian McCullough

## An Invitation to Join First Universalist Choir

Have you thought about singing in the choir? YOU are welcome to join us! Ability to read music and previous experience is helpful but not necessary. An open heart, eagerness to learn and the desire to be part of a large and dynamic choral ensemble are qualities we look for in new members.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM. Contact [randy@firstuniv.org](mailto:randy@firstuniv.org) for details.

## First Universalist Choir

Bob Barnes	Linda McNary
Margit Berg	Tony Meysenburg
Kira Berglund	Elena Miller
Charles Betz	Taryn Mortimer
Judy Broad	Laurie Nelson
Amanda Carlson	Nora Page
Sherrilee Carter	Ron Parker
Alison Cerier	Jackie Paro
Ian Cook	Karen Parson
Ben Cooper	Rita Petersen
Michael Day	Jim Patrykus
Elizabeth Dunn	David Peichel
Judy Eitland	Liz Permar
Bill Ellwood	Louis Quast
Joanne Engelking	Jean Ramlow
Liz Erickson	Jim Ramnaraine
Lorraine Gabbert	Weld Ransom
Valerie Garber	Meg Sandfer
Nancy Gaschott	Colleen Schaeffe
Larry Gottschalk	James Schanen
Pat Gottschalk	Susan Schultz
Bonnie Gray	Lisa Sinclair
Norma Hammer	Alan Sroufe
Barbara Harman	June Sroufe
Carol Hiniker	Lynne Stanley
Paul Hjelmsted	William Stryk
Greg Hoelzer	Anda Tanaka
Marybeth Hoelzer	Victoria Thompson
Shelley des Islets	Shelley Thron
Ann Kay	Pamela Vincent
Janet Keysser	Tina Wade
Fawzia Khan	Mary Weeks
Jeni Klotz	Bryan Wells
Ellen Kluz	Melody Werner
Rita Langteau	Elizabeth Wiethoff
Joanna Lees	Judith Wriglis
Jeff Lenox	Sara Yale
Anne McBean	

# WELCOME!

*We are so glad that you are here.*

**At First Universalist Church,**  
in the spirit of love and hope,  
we give, receive, and grow.

We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we act outside of our walls; we listen to where love is calling us next.

We do all this as a faith community committed to racial justice. These spiritual practices and commitments are the ways we move in rhythm with the great love that is alive in the world.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Hearing Devices** are available; please ask an usher. Cushions are available for the pews and are located next to the sound booth and at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please return them to their home after the service.

We also have **Fragrance-Free rows** marked in the balcony.

**For more information about First Universalist,** go to our website:

[www.firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://www.firstuniversalistchurch.org), stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs after services, or call our church office, 612-825-1701.

## Are You Visiting?

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

**Our next orientation takes place:**  
**Sunday, December 21**

Meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 30-minute overview. No sign up needed and coffee & childcare are provided.

**The Visiting Families Welcome Station** at the north end of the Religious Education wing has information about our Children, Youth & Family Ministries. Stop by if you are interested in learning more, or email our Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, Lauren Wyeth at: [lauren@firstuniv.org](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).



# YOUR NAME IS LIGHT

REV. RUTH MACKENZIE

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

WORSHIP IN MUSIC AND MESSAGE

*DECEMBER 14, 2014*

Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeRev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink  
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Bellsound

Hymn of Invitation #225 (please rise in body or spirit)  
O Come, O Come Emanuel

PERPETUAL LIGHT

LIGHT IS THE FIRST THING CREATED IN MYTHOLOGIES OF OLD.  
IT IS THE MOST COMMON RELIGIOUS DESCRIPTION OF THE AWAKENED  
HEART. LIGHT, LIFE, AND SPIRIT ARE IN A PERPETUAL DANCE.  
LET US BEGIN WITH LIGHT.

AnthemFirst Universalist Choir and Orchestra  
Lux Aeterna -- IntroitusDr. Randal Buikema, Conductor  
-Morten Lauridsen  
Latin Texts

Call to LightRev. Ruth MacKenzie  
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Hymn of Light #89 (please rise in body or spirit)  
Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

Lighting the Chalice

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 love,  
and to help one another.  
  
-James V. Blake  
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LIGHT FROM DARKNESS

IN THE BEGINNING, THE COSMOS WAS A VERY DARK PLACE, A VERY DENSE PLACE. THERE  
WERE NO STARS, NO GALAXIES. LIGHT CAME INTO BEING OUT OF DARKNESS, OUT OF  
DENSITY. EVEN IN OUR DARKEST DAYS, IN OUR MOST HEAVY OF TIMES,  
LIGHT IS PRESENT AND A WAY EMERGES.

AnthemFirst Universalist Choir and Orchestra  
Lux Aeterna -- In Te, Domine, SperaviDr. Randal Buikema, Conductor

Silence

Cycle of LifeRev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

LIGHT WITHIN LIGHT

LIGHT CAN BE DESCRIBED AS OUR VISUAL PERCEPTION OF RADIANT ENERGY. HOWEVER,  
LIGHT IS MORE THAN WHAT WE CAN SEE. IT IS ULTRA VIOLET, INFRARED, MICROWAVE,  
AND RADIOWAVE. LIGHT COMES IN ALL SHAPES. LIGHT HOLDS ALL COLORS.

AnthemFirst Universalist Choir and Orchestra  
Lux Aeterna -- O Nata LuxDr. Randal Buikema, Conductor

MessageRev. Ruth MacKenzie  
Your Name Is Light

SPIRIT OF LIGHT

LIKE SPIRIT, LIGHT IS BEYOND US, WITHIN US, AND AMONG US.  
LIKE SPIRIT, LIGHT IS POTENTIAL AND MANIFESTATION.  
LET THERE BE LIGHT, LET THERE BE LOVE IN THE WORLD AND IN OUR HEARTS.

AnthemFirst Universalist Choir and Orchestra  
Lux Aeterna --Veni, Sancte SpiritusDr. Randal Buikema, Conductor

MessageRev. Ruth MacKenzie  
Buying Back Your Light

LIVING IN LIGHT

LIGHT’S POTENTIAL ONLY FINDS ITS PARTICULAR EXPRESSION THROUGH  
RELATIONSHIP. OUR SPIRIT’S POTENTIAL ALSO  
FINDS ITS EXPRESSION THROUGH RELATIONSHIP.  
LET US RESPOND TO THE ETERNAL INVITATION:  
THE POTENTIAL OF AN AWAKENED LIFE.

Offertory and Closing BlessingFirst Universalist Choir  
Lux Aeterna -- Agnus Deiand Orchestra  
Dr. Randal Buikema, Conductor

Closing WordsRev. Ruth MacKenzie

Blessing in Song # 413  
Go Now in Peace  
(Sung in Canon)

Music for the JourneyDr. Jerrod Wendland

If you would like to learn more about Morten Lauridsen and Lux Aeterna,  
visit: <http://www.sfchoral.org/site/morten-lauridsen-lux-aeterna>

Worship Theme: Slow Church

In our commodified society, we are told over and over again that  
what we own is what we’re worth, that “buying” some thing will  
bring happiness. In the ancient world, a form of “buying” meant  
buying back life, delivering a life from slavery based on the pay-  
ment of a price by the redeemer. This form of buying was called re-  
demption. This month we will focus our attention on buying back  
our lives, of practicing redemption for our own lives and others.  
The first step in this exchange is slowing down. We will practice  
mindfulness, listening, and opening to the spirit.

We will practice slow church.