

December 2022 Worship Services

December Worship Theme: Earth

December Quote:

“Time spent among trees is never time wasted.” - Anonymous

December 4: “Her Voice,” 10:30am

Join us as we enter the winter and holiday season with a monthly ministry theme of “Earth.” Reverend Rebecca’s sermon will draw on the work of Robin Wall Kimmerer. The service will reflect on the concept of animacy as we ask ourselves how we can listen to and be in better relationship with the Earth.

December 11: Annual Christmas Pageant, 10:30am

After two years on Zoom, the annual Christmas Pageant will be back in person featuring over 20 participants of ALL ages! We hope you’ll join us for this special multigenerational service, as we playfully retell the nativity story, and enjoy our choir singing cherished carols and hymns - including the FRS version of the “Twelve Days of Christmas” led by Tim Fountain!

December 17 & 18: Candlelight Service, 7pm

A Newburyport tradition nearing its 100th anniversary! The Candlelight Chorale presents both new and favorite carols for the Christmas season.

December 18: Winter Solstice Service, 10:30am

Reverend Alix Klingenberg will be our guest minister for this winter solstice service.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5:30pm

Our traditional Christmas Eve service will include the Christmas Story, carols, and “Silent Night” sung by candlelight. Rev. Rebecca Bryan will lead worship. We will gather for festive carols outside the church after worship.

December 25: “A Unitarian Christmas,” 11am

Reverend Rebecca will preach about the extensive and intriguing history Unitarians have played in the current celebration of Christmas, especially in the 19th Century. What does Christmas mean to us then and now? This fun service is for all ages and includes carol singing.

January 1: Gong Meditation and Relaxation, 10:30am

Zach Field returns to FRS for this annual service to help us bring in the new year with peace and calm. The soothing sounds of pitched gongs distract the mind as Zach leads us in meditation.