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Welcome Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer
Music *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Joe Mish
Chalice Lighting Heather Vinge-Hanson
Story Amy Nelson

Hymn #241 *In the Bleak Midwinter*
In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone; snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter long ago.
Now, as gifts of darkness cause the world to slow,
help us rest in wonder, dark and light to know.
As we sing the light back, day by night by day,
may the gifts of night and darkness ever stay.

Reading *You, Darkness* by Rainer Maria Rilke Marie Davidiak

Silence & Darkness

Sound & Light Joe Mish
As the music begins, you may light a candle to place in a bowl near the front.

Reading *This Shortest Day* by Susan Cooper
Kate Thompson-Jewell

Hymn #235 *Deck the Hall*

Invitation to Fire

Reading at the fire *Winter Solstice* by Rebecca Parker Beth Atkinson

Gratitude

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