

Holiday Playlist Shared by CUC [Board](#) and [Staff](#)

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Casey Satinsby's pick:

- [Suffjan Stevens](#) has a number of lovely Christmas albums - quirky and beautiful takes on classics, as well as originals.

Chuck Shields' picks:

- [I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day](#) - Sarah McLachlan. I have lots of favourite Christmas songs, but this is a Unitarian one and sung by one of Canada's best.
- [Such a Night](#) - Aaron Neville. Not a traditional Christmas carole or song, but included on Aaron's Christmas album and it displays his voice and groove wonderfully.
- [Jingle Bells](#) - Diana Krall. Another Unitarian Christmas song sung by one of Canada's favourites.
- [Il est ne/Ca bergers](#) - Kate and Anna McGarrigle. A gentle carole and we don't have any French songs yet. Who better than by a couple of Canada and Montreal's best. Sadly, from the last album before Kate passed away.

Glenna Hanley's pick:

- [Go Tell It On the Mountain](#) by Mahalia Jackson
While Jesus does not play a role in my belief system I do believe in Mahalia Jackson and her amazing voice. She does a lot of other good Christmas songs too.

Kenzie Love's picks:

- [Carry Me Home](#), Hey Rosetta!
A reminder about the importance of the simple things in life during a difficult Christmas such as this one.
- [It Came Upon a Midnight Clear](#). Sixpence None the Richer
A haunting version of this classic (written by a Unitarian minister).

Karen McKay's picks:

- [The Christians and the Pagans](#) by Dar Williams. We love the message of this song. We dance around the kitchen to this every Christmas.
- [Count Your Blessings](#) - Holly Cole/Rebecca Jenkins/Mary Margaret O'Hara/Jane Siberry/Victoria Williams. This is from one of my very favourite holiday albums called Count Your Blessings. My other favourite from the album is "[Are You](#)

[Burning Little Candle?](#)” This gets to the heart of the holidays for me. I listen to this album as I am wrapping gifts, usually very very late on Christmas Eve.

- [Grown up Christmas List](#) by Amy Grant. My youngest daughter loves this song. It’s one of the ones I hear her singing in her room at Christmas time. There’s something very poignant about my baby singing about her grown up Christmas list.

Margaret’s pick:

- [Twas in the Moon of Wintertime](#) - Tom Jackson
I appreciate the reframing of the Christmas story into a Canadian context. Of course I love Tom Jackson’s voice. And I appreciate the work he has done to raise money for food banks and homeless shelters. I have been to a few of his cross-country fundraising concert tours.

Margo Ellis’ pick:

- [Joy to the World](#) - Al Petteway and Amy White
Al and Amy are wonderful acoustic musicians with numerous albums of their combined talents. This is from Winter Tidings: An Appalachian Christmas

Vyda Ng’s picks:

- From Pentatonix: I love their acapella arrangements and harmonies -
 - [Little Drummer Boy](#)
 - [Mary, Did You Know](#)
- Although not a ‘seasonal’ song, “We Rise Again” is a favourite. Here are two versions:
 - [Cantus Vocum and Alan Doyle](#)
 - [Voices Rock Medicine](#), Choir of Women Physicians

Margaret Kohr

- The Good Lovelies cover of Gordon Lightfoot’s [Song for a Winter Night](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MYa4hU5cAU>
The version of this song brings out the poignancy and the poetry of the lyrics...especially in this year of the absence of our loved ones.