

The Longest Night - *Winter Solstice*

Thursday, Dec. 20

First English Lutheran Church - Downtown Site

"Comfort, O Comfort My People"

Solstice in Latin means the "sun standing still." On Thursday, Dec. 20 First English will again offer to the congregation and the community an evening of peace, candlelight, music and prayer. We embrace and claim the darkness that is present both in the world and in our lives. We are invited to be illuminated by the light of the Christ Child this Christmas season. For all of us who would like to experience relief from stress, anxiety, expectation, grief and grow in acceptance, grace and belonging; this service is a wonderful interlude in the season.

6:15 p.m.

6:45-7:15 p.m.

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Sanctuary opens
Contemplative service - *readings,*
music, scripture, silence,
lighting of candles, personal prayer,
laying on of hands
Sanctuary remains open



*May the Christ Child,
born in a lowly stable,
himself an outcast
and marginal,
bring light, comfort,
peace, and joy
this holiday season.*