



Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope



First Church in Windsor, UCC
December 27, 10 a.m.

The First Sunday After Christmas

Prelude

I Believe

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Welcome

Invocation

What Child is This
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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

Prayer

Incarnate God, you have come among us and shared our common lot, so that you would lead us towards true life. Help us to seek goodness and justice with our whole beings, and praise your name all of our days. Amen.

Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

Once in Royal David's City
Words by Cecil Frances Alexander
Music by Henry J. Gauntlett
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**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for a bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**Jesus came to earth from heaven, who is God and Head of all,
sheltered in a rustic stable, cradled in a common stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth the Savior holy.**

**We at last shall meet our Savior, fount of God's redeeming grace,
for that child so dear and gentle reigns within a glorious place;
leading all God's children on to the heaven where saints have gone.**

Celebrating Christmas with Lessons and Carols

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Ginny Lougee

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

African American traditional

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Isaiah 11:1-9

Kevin Doyle

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

By Michael Praetorius

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Sung by First Church Children's Choir

Matthew 1:18-23

Carrie Canoni

O Little Town of Bethlehem

By Lewis H. Redmer

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Sung by the Zirbel Family

John 1:1-5

Judge Kevin Washington

Joy to the World

By Lowell Mason

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Prayers of the People

Response

Light a Candle

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Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

French traditional

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**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn king.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Carol of the Bells
Ukrainian traditional
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Played by First Church Bell Choir

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