



Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope
First Church in Windsor, UCC

The First Sunday in Advent
Angels Among Us: Do Not Be Afraid
Make Ready a People: Hope
November 27, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Procession of the Advent Light: Hope

Song

There Are Angels Among Us
By Marcia McFee and Chuck Bell
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**There are angels among us, there are angels among us,
There are angels among us, bringing hope on earth.**

Prayer

**Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us your flame of hope this day.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating [more hope] in the midst of fear.**

Passing of the Peace

Please make sure to wave to our online community, send a text message of peace to someone, or pass the peace in the chat on Facebook.

Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Medieval plainsong
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**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the child of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and help us in that way to go.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
make envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Children's Moment

***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

Scripture

Please see screen for congregational responses

Sermon

“Angels Among Us”

Pastor Nicole

Anthem

There Are Angels Hovering Round
Traditional American, public domain
Arranged by Jane Frogley

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

O Little Town
Words by Phillips Brooks
Music by Louis H. Redner
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**O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

Announcements

Online Giving

Offering Plates are on the tables back of the church. If you wish, you may give online [here](#).

***Hymn**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
By Richard S. Willis
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**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, great news of joy we bring.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the evercircling years comes round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postludio Pastoral

By Luigi Bottazzo

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**Please stand as you are able.*
Bolded font to be read by all/