



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

The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Angels Among Us: Do Not Be Afraid
Flying in the Face of Fear at Advent: Love
December 18, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Played by students of Eugenio Figueroa-Cruz

Welcome

Procession of the Advent Light: Love

Song

There Are Angels Among Us
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**There are angels among us, there are angels among us,
there are angels among us, bringing love on earth.**

**Do not be afraid, do not be afraid,
do not be afraid, do not be afraid.**

Prayer

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

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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

Soon and Very Soon

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**Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.**

**No more crying there, we are going to see the King;
no more crying there, we are going to see the King;
no more crying there, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**

**No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
no more dying there, we are going to see the King;
no more dying there, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**

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

Luke 2: 1-20 (adapted from The Voice translation)
Please see the Meeting House screens.

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Sermon

“More Love”

Pastor Nicole

Anthem

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!
Traditional German
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Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

The First Nowell
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**The first nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!**

Announcements

Online Giving

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

The Mission to the Messengers: Veterans of the Cross/Christmas Fund

*Hymn

Go Tell It
African American Spiritual
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**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! Above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

*Benediction

Postlude

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