



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

The Third Sunday in Advent
Angels Among Us: Do Not Be Afraid
Flying in the Face of Fear at Advent: Joy
December 11, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Procession of the Advent Light: Joy

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 joy this day.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more joy in the midst of fear.**

Song

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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

Lift Up Your Heads
From Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789
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**Lift up your heads, O mighty gates;
behold the glorious Ruler waits!
The Sovereign One is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer come! I open wide
my heart to you; here, Christ, abide!
Let me your inner presence feel;
your grace and love in me reveal.**

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

Matthew 1: 18-25 (adapted from The Voice translation)

Sermon

“More Joy”

Pastor Nicole

Anthem

People Look East
French traditional
Arranged by Jane Frogley

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

*Hymn

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Words by Charles Wesley
Music by Felix Mendelssohn
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**Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled'
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'**

**Hail the heavenborn Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'**

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

Musical Benediction

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***Benediction**

Postlude

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**Please stand as you are able.*
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