

**Advent 3: More Joy**  
**Angels Among Us: Do not be Afraid**  
**Dec. 11th, 2022**

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Scripture Reader: Marion Hollingshead

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Usher: Marjorie Jones

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

## **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

## **THRESHOLD MOMENT**

### **ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE AND PEACE AND JOY**

#### **WE SING TOGETHER**

There are angels among us  
there are angels among us  
there are angels among us  
bringing Joy on earth

**More Joy:** Linnea Good

#### **WE SING TOGETHER**

Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid

#### **OPENING 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 joy in the midst of fear.

#### **OPENING HYMN: VU 48 Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 1: 18-2 Marion

**REFLECTION: "Oh Joseph"**

**WE SING TOGETHER: As Joseph Was a Walking**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Please join me in a time of Prayer, I invite you to respond to the words **"We hear the message of God,**  
With: Do not be afraid."

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**DOXOLOGY**

Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**God of peace and possibility,  
We offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into  
your god news for the sake of the world. Amen**

**We Sing Together: VU 59 Joy to the World**

**BLESSING**

Let us turn toward the Candle of Peace  
And the Candle of Peace  
in the center of our sanctuary  
and sing to one another the message  
we must take to the world

**BENEDICTION**

Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid

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**Blue Christmas Service, Dec.21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm**

**Join us for a Christmas lunch of chili, buns, and a sampling of your wonderful seasonal baking after church on Sunday, December 18.** We encourage all of you to bring a Christmas treat to share for dessert – baking, chocolates, etc. This is a wonderful chance to share a meal and some great visiting with your church family.

**Mitten Campaign:** In Support of our Mission and Service Fund, please take a mitten, make a donation and hang it at the back of the church.

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