

Advent 2, More Peace
Angels Among Us Do Not Be Afraid
Dec. 4, 2022

Student Minister Anne Ellis, Presiding

Scripture Reader: Janet Peake

Greeter: June Harwood

Usher: Kathy Post

Piano: Marilyn West,

PowerPoint, Video/Sound, Larry Harder, Dylan Ganzeveld



**ANNOUNCEMENTS
WORDS OF WELCOME**

**TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
THRESHOLD**

ADVENT CANDLE: Hope & Peace

WE SING TOGETHER

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

MORE HOPE: Charlotte Burley, Community Outreach

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 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.

OPENING HYMN: VU 46 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1: 26-56 Janet Peake

REFLECTION: le point vierge

WE SING TOGETHER: Mary, Mary Linda Allen

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:

(Matthew 6: 9-13, Traditional)

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen

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

CLOSING HYMN: VU 44 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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

Postlude

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If you ordered a poinsettia, the plants will be available for pickup on Sunday. Thanks to those who ordered poinsettias to remain in the sanctuary. They will enhance the already beautiful Christmas display.

Join us for a Christmas lunch of chili, buns, and a sampling of your wonderful seasonal baking after church on Sunday, December 18. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the sanctuary if you are able to make a crock pot of chili or bring some buns. 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.

Blue Christmas Service, Dec.21st, at 7:00 pm