*Closing Hymn

"Joy To The World"

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When this Christmas song comes across your path this week, as it most probably will, stop for a moment and remember the reason for the season... we can know joy right now, even in the midst of fear. For God desires so much to be with and for humanity that God sent Jesus, Emmanuel, and this Spirit continues with us, always and forevermore.

The Mission to the Messengers

Sending

God gives us the vision,

so let us go to see others as our sisters and brothers.

Jesus gives us the eyes,

so let us look in all the unexpected places

to welcome all into our lives.

The Spirit calls us to watch,

so let us bear witness to the justice and joy coming into our shattered world.

Let us turn toward the Candle of Joy 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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

arr. G. Young

You may follow the light out into the world



Angels Among Us

... experience hope, peace, joy and love as you prepare for the birth of Christ

Advent 2021

First
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Church

Do Not Be Afraid # More Joy

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Minister of Word and Sacrament

December 12, 2021 11 a.m.

Welcome! We are blessed to have you worship with us today!

*Please stand, if able, and remain standing

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pre-Service Music

Prelude "Jesus. Priceless Treasure"

arr. J. Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Threshold Moment

Choir and Congregation

"There Are Angels Among Us"

There are angels among us that may not meet the eye There are messages of joy coming from a choir on high

> But don't just look up For the way God works

Is to plant more joy right here on earth

Just like it was with Jesus birth

There are angels among us

There are angels among us

There are angels among us

Bringing joy 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.

And with the angel messengers above us, among us and within us, we sing as we extend the peace of Christ by cupping our hands ...

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

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates"

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Story for Young Messengers

Pastor Beth

*Hymn "Surely The Presence of the Lord" Screen

Offering Prayer

God of joy and possibility,

we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.

Anthem "When Morning Dawns" by Joseph M. Martin

*Doxology

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Debt/Debtors)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Matthew 1: 18-25

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart

Ashley Stanley-Robey

Patricia Howell
David Clark

Pastor Beth

Brenna Takata

C. B. Strange Joyce Perez

Rebecca & Chris Moore

Benjamin & Blake Kassa

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Interim Music Director

Interim Organist

Sound

Story for Young Messengers

Liturgist

Security, Side door & Offering

Greeter

Sunday School

Advent Candle Lighter

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Fowlkes and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kirk by the family.

Announcements

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume for the Advent season. Price will be \$6. Following the meal, we will walk to the sanctuary where Ashley Stanley-Robey, our interim choral director has planned an evening music meditation and reflection. Our dinners will be Dec 15th, and end with our Blue Christmas Dec. 22nd. Please fill out the reservation form in the bulletin if you plan on attending this week or call the office by Tuesday Dec.14th. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.; the program will follow at 6:40.

Join Pastor Beth at her home, 186 Hawthorne Drive for a Christmas Open House. Saturday Dec. 18th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. – R.S.V.P. are required to pastor@fpcdanville.com or the church phone, 434-792-7822 ext 1.

Our Blue Christmas Service will be December 22nd at 6:40p.m. following dinner.

Our **Christmas Eve** service will be **December 24**th **at 7:30 p.m.** featuring choral and instrumental music reading of the Christmas Story, and Candle Lighting.

Our Pathways to Generosity team met last Tuesday night. We are pleased with the level of giving and the steps taken to increase giving and particularly for those who took the first step on the pathway to being generous givers.

It is still not too late to join in this year's annual giving campaign. Please prayerfully consider your level of commitment, and then communicate with an Estimate of Giving Card.

We are excited about the future ministry of First Presbyterian Church.