

Sermon

Advent 1: "Make Ready a People: #morehope"

***Closing Hymn**

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

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Each week we will start our worship with an Advent hymn/song and we will close with a Christmas carol. This week when you hear "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," stop for a moment, touch your feather if you happen to have it in your pocket, in your bag or in your hands, and breathe a prayer that hope will invade the world like a band of angels descending on humankind.

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 hope

coming into our shattered world.

Let us turn toward the Candle of Hope
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

You may follow the light out into the world

Postlude

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

G. Blake



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 Hope

First Presbyterian Church

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

November 28, 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 *"The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came"* arr. A. Page

Welcome and Announcements

Threshold Moment

"There Are Angels Among Us"
There are angels among us that may not meet the eye
There are messages of hope coming from a choir on high
But don't just look up
For the way God works
Is to plant more hope 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 hope on earth
Do not be afraid
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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.

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
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*Hymn *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* #135

Passing the Peace

As our children come forward, I invite you to cup your hands and pass the hope of Christ with your neighbors, for each time we connect with one another, hope grows.

Story for Young Messengers Jackson Weller

*Hymn *"Surely The Presence of the Lord"* Screen

Offering *"The Promise Of Advent"* Besig

*Doxology

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Luke 1: 5-25, 57-80

*The flowers are given today in loving memory of our mothers,
Ella Ryan and Neva Shelton
by Diane and Kent Shelton.*

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Howell	Interim Organist
David Parris	Sound
Jackson Weller	Time for Young Disciples
Bernadine Hayes	Security, Side door, Offering
Jay Hayes	Liturgist
Mike Reynolds	Greeter
Leigh Blount & Harriet Beale	Sunday School
Joyce Perez	Advent Candle Lighter

Announcements

There will be a **congregational meeting** immediately following worship today for the purpose of electing officers and approving the 2022 pastor's terms of call.

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, our interim choral director has planned an evening music meditation and reflection. On Dec. 1st Pastor Beth will speak about the theology found in the hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent". This will start Dec 1st, 8th, 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 Nov. 30th. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m; the program will follow at 6:40.

Our **Angel Tree** is up in the Dunglinson Roberts room, come by and choose an angel, record your name on the Angel Tree sheet, purchase and wrap a gift (\$25.00 limit) for your angel. Please return the gift by **Dec. 5th** to the "the juice room." We will have a **Drive by Angel Tree Christmas Party** again this year on **December 11th at 1:00**. The families will drive up to the church and a volunteer elves will deliver the children's gift and a "party in a bag." If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Drive by Party, would like to deliver gifts that are not picked up or are interested in helping at other times, please sign up on the volunteer sheet in the Juice Room or contact Harriet Beale.

Please join **Pastor Beth** and family 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 p.m.**

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

ANGELS AMONG US—
an exciting intergenerational way to prepare for Christmas
Saturday, December 4
9 to 11:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
937 Main St., Danville

Hear the Christmas Story through the eyes of the prophets, Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds and Wise Men.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Take home craft

Bingo with prizes

Children participate in a drama titled

"The ABCs of Christmas"

Take Home Devotional

Live into God's story as you talk and learn together with the people at your table

Event is open to all, but an adult must accompany children and participate in the activities. Activities are suitable for all ages – from the youngest to the oldest participants.

To save your spot, please call 434-792-7822 and leave your name, telephone number and how many will attend.