

Windsor Hills United Methodist Church
December 4, 2022, 10:30 am
Second Sunday of Advent



Chiming of the Hour

Karen Jones Harwood, organ

Music for Gathering

"To A Maid Engaged to Joseph"
Annamarie Kresge, violin

Rusty Edwards

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jennifer Fletcher

Please sign the registration pad and pass it to others on your pew.

Threshold Moment

Greg Lyons, Soloist

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer

The Gregory Family

Leader: Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

All: **Alight within us your flame of peace this day.**

Leader: Grant us openness to hear your message.

All: **Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more peace in the midst of fear.**

Pastor: And with the angel messengers above us, among us and within us,
we sing...

All Sing: **Do not be afraid. (4x)**

*Opening Hymn

"To A Maid Engaged to Joseph"

UM Hymnal 215

*Passing the Peace

Pastor Don Thrasher

Please stand as you are able to greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

Younger Messengers of the Church

Rev. Jennifer Fletcher

Children are invited to come forward for a special message.

At the conclusion of the message, all sing:
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Scripture

Luke 1:26-56
Adapted from The Voice translation

Multiple Readers

Anthem	“My Soul Cries Out” (Canticle of the Turning)	<i>Mark Hayes</i>
Sermon	“Messengers of Peace”	Rev. Jennifer Fletcher

Prayers of the People:	Rev. Don Thrasher
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Leader: In this moment we pray for all those who are in need of peace. We hear the message of God,

People: **Do not be afraid.**

Leader: In this moment we give thanks for all the ways we have experienced God’s presence among us, in the words and actions that bring peace in the midst of fear. For all who proclaim your reign on earth, we join their refrain,

People: **Do not be afraid.**

All Sing: **We believe there are angels among us
Called within us, not just from up above
You give us peace enough in these times of trial
You show us how to live, You teach us how to give
You call us to be light and love**

Celebration of Holy Communion	UM Hymnal 12
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Communion Meditation	“Christmas Fantasy”	<i>Sigurd Øgaard</i>
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Giving God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory	“Still, Still, Still”	<i>Daniel Burton</i>
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*Doxology

Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UM Hymnal 211

**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

All: God of peace and possibility, we offer these gifts
so that they may be transformed into your good news
for the sake of the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” UM Hymnal 218

*The Mission to the Messengers Rev. Jennifer Fletcher

*Benediction *All Sing:* Do not be afraid. (4x)

*Postlude “Ding! Dong! Merrily on High!” *Molly Ijames*



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WORSHIP LEADERS:

Messenger—Harper Gregory
Mary—Maggie Gregory
Elizabeth—Brenda Simpson
Narrator—Braden Cash
Violinist -Annamarie Kresge

STAFF:

Rev. Jennifer Fletcher, Lead Pastor
Rev. Don Thrasher, Asst. Pastor/ Deacon for Senior Adult
Ministries
Karen Jones Harwood, Director of Music/Organist

USHERS:

Kevin & Susan Russell



THIS WEEK AT WINDSOR HILLS

Sunday, December 4

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am In-Person & Livestreamed Worship Service
2:00 pm, Magicians Ring 222, Parlor
3:00 pm, AA, Fellowship Hall
Al-Anon

Monday, December 5

9:00 am Counting Team, Library
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 236, Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm, Trustees, Library

Tuesday, December 6

6:30 pm AfterCare Christmas Store and Carols, Windsor Hall
6:00 pm, Reaching New People, Jersey Lily's, Salem

Wednesday, December 7

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Prayers, Sanctuary Chapel
10:30 am Al-Anon, Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm SCA, Windsor Hall

Thursday, December 8

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 AA Meeting

Friday, December 9

No Events

Saturday, December 10

Reston South Home for Adults Christmas Party, Windsor Hall

*The prayer list is printed separately from the bulletin and
is available on the table in the narthex.*