



**“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY,
AND JESUS IS LORD”**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

+ Please stand if able

PRELUDE

QUOTE OF THE DAY (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*)
"One sees clearly only with the heart.
What is essential is invisible to the eye"

+ INTROIT

Angels we have heard on high

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n543eKIdbUI&list=RDn543eKIdbUI&start_radio=1

+ INVOCATION

+ THE LIGHTING OF THE JOY CANDLE

One Let all God's people say:

All **My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will live in hope.** (Acts 2:26)

One Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior." (Luke 1:46-47)

ALL **The angel said, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you
good news of a great joy that will be for all the
people.** (Luke 2:10)

One Jesus said, "I have said these things to you so that my
joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."
(John 15:9-17)

All Peter said, "Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed." (I Peter 4:13)

+ OPENING HYMN "Angels" - A Call and Response Hymn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdjxvM9KU8g&list=RDFdjxvM9KU8g&start_radio=1

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (Psalm 43:4-5)

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise God, my help and my God. I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy." Let us pray...

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Psalm 126

One When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

All **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

One Then it was said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

All **The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

One Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the waters
flowing anew in the desert.

All **May those who sow in tears,
reap the harvest with shouts of joy.**

One Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
All **shall come home with shouts of joy.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Psalm 30:11)

"O God, You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy."

Rejoice in God who forgives, renews and restores us!
All Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Unmuted devices and turn on cameras to greet one another in love)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!
Many: And also, with you! **Peace be with you!**

ANTHEM King's Return sing "Carol of the Bells"
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+ THE DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFDqrSCJOq4&list=PLmbjTLDIEpIJpHES5HrMKX03kkyY4RGa9&index=75>

+ ANGEL TREE DEDICATION (Unison)

Merciful Jesus, God's great gift, light to all the nations
Even us we've sung your praises this day
So now we offer you the gifts to bless children and families.
May each child you receive this gift, know the blessings of your
love, and that there are people praying for them. For their peace
and freedom, education and liberation, we pray, in your Holy
Name, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'^{*} But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'^{*} The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born^{*} will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

ANNUNCIATION!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ ADVENT BENEDICTION

One: In whom do we live and move and have our being?
All: Jesus, the joyous living Christ!
One: Northeastern, who are we?
All: We are blessed, so we bless!
One: Even when the world's peoples are naked and poor,
All: We bless children with the Angel Tree.
One: Even when the world is filled with fear,
All: We bless, sharing courage.
One: Even when the world is in despair,
All: We bless, sharing hope.
One: Even when the world is living lies,
All: We bless, sharing truth.
One: Even when the world is sick with sorrow,
All: We bless, sharing comfort.
One: Even when the world is violently warring,
All: We bless, sharing peace.
One: Even when the world is not fair,
All: We bless, forging justice.
One: Even when the world is cruel.,
All: We bless, shaping mercy.
One: So all God's children can thrive:
All: We bless with Jesus' love. Amen!

POSTLUDE **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

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