

Mimico Baptist Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023



Welcome All!

Pastor: Rev. Jim Sanderson
Associate Pastor: Linying Liu
Music Director: Jan Thomas

3rd Sunday in Advent

10:30

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PRELUDE

(Please stand as choir enters)

OPENING SONG – “Joy to the World”

#270

WELCOME & INTRO - This is the third Sunday in Advent. Welcome to those present and to those joining online. Today we “Sing with the Angels”. Angels play a large role in the Christmas story. Our choir will present a Christmas cantata highlighting this. Appropriately this is also the day we focus on the gift of joy. Thank you for joining us in this joyous celebration of Christ in word and song. Let's pray...

PRAYER - O Lord God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart of the lowly, we give thanks that you came to us as a baby. Make us humble in faith and love, that we may fully know the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray as he taught us saying ...

Our Father, who 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP – (Luke 2:10,11,14,16,20)

LEADER: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

PEOPLE: Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord.

LEADER: And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

PEOPLE: The shepherds returned rejoicing, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

ALL: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom his favour rests.”

SING - “The First Noel” (vs 1,2,6)

#265

CHILDREN'S LESSON - ADVENT 3: Today we light the candle of JOY
– “Christ can give us overflowing joy”

“Good Christians All Rejoice”

#273

Blessing for children and invitation to Jr. Church downstairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

CHRISTMAS CANTATA – Sing With the Angels – Joel Raney
(see insert)

CLOSING HYMN – “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vs 1,2,3) #259

Benediction - May the words and songs you have heard today resonate and remain with you. Carry the message of good news as a song in your heart. Bring this good news into the activities and conversations you have this week. Be a source of joy to those around you. The Lord bless you. Amen

Weekly At Mimico Baptist Church

WED – 7:00pm – Bible Study - Conference Call

FRI - 7:00pm – Mandarin Bible Study

7:00pm – Youth Group

7:00pm – Children's Ministry

SUN – 10:30am – Morning Worship

GENEROSITY: We are significantly behind budget. As we approach the end of the year, please remember your church with an additional generous gift.

Sun., Dec. 24 – 10:30am - Morning Service

6:30pm - Christmas Eve Community Service

Pastoral Search: Please be in prayer for your board as they lead in the search for an Interim Pastor to begin the summer of 2024.

A tip from your Music Director: Toronto finally has a K-Love Christian radio station! 102.5 FM. They play the worship songs you know and love, with new ones constantly added. At this time of year you'll hear the true carols of Christmas sung by Christian artists. There's a verse of the day, plus minute devotionals to encourage you. Being stuck in traffic doesn't seem as frustrating when you're being encouraged in your faith.



A warm welcome to any visitors among us. We are glad you came and hope you were blessed by this service.



Follow us on:

Sing with the Angels By Joel Raney

Narrators: Pastor Jim Sanderson and Natalie Lau

Music Direction: Jan Thomas

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1. **Of the Father's Love** – Angels are God's messengers, and the most amazing message they ever delivered was Emmanuel, which means God with Us. Prophesied for centuries, the Messiah was about to come into the world.
2. **The Angel Gabriel** – Gabriel was sent to a young girl named Mary, betrothed to Joseph with the news that God's promises of a Saviour were about to be fulfilled, and she would be a very important part of that.
3. **The Midnight Clear** – An angel brought the news to a group of humble shepherds out in the fields. "Do not be afraid. I bring you news of great joy!"
4. **All is Well** (Lloyd Larson) – "Angels and men, Rejoice." The news the angels brought would change the world forever, and mean that for believers, whatever the circumstances, "all is well."
5. **Run to Bethlehem** – The shepherds did not hesitate. Such great news required a response, so they hurried to Bethlehem to see Mary, Joseph, and the newborn Redeemer in a manger.
6. **Angels Watching Over Me** – Angels were watching over the events of that long-ago Christmas, and the Bible tells us that guardian angels are given "charge over us, to keep us in all our ways."
7. **Sing with the Angels** – Such great news brings great joy, and makes us, too, want to sing for joy!
8. **The Angel Songs** – Join with the choir, as we sing the songs of the angels. Please stand as we sing together, "Angels we have heard on High", and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
(over)

Choir: Denise Sura, May Liu, Natalie Lau, Brigitte Bommer, Jeanie Liao, Grace Chen, Sharon Kettlewell, Allison Steele, Peter Qi, and Dave Thomas

It is our sincere prayer that this Cantata brings you the joy of the angels' song - Emmanuel, God with Us - and that you carry it with you throughout the Christmas season. God Bless, the MBC choir.