

“MINISTER’S Message”

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Do Not Be Afraid ...

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people ...”

Those are words from the Gospel of Luke – chapter 2, verse 10.
Familiar to many of us. Words that hold deep meaning.

Did you know that wherever an angel appears in biblical story, the first words spoken are “Do not be afraid”? God’s messengers always remind us not to fear – it’s a reminder that we are held in the arms of a God of love.

Even in difficult times, that presence is with us. We celebrate that good news this week, at Christmas time. We reach out in love and joy, and share the gift of compassion so easily in this season.

My hope and prayer for the world – even our little corner of the world - is that we could hold on to that promise of God’s never ending presence among us all year and live in the light of that promise. My prayer is that we might carry the peace and joy of this season into the long dreary months of winter, and through the spring, summer, and fall. My prayer is that our acts of Christmas kindness might kindle hope and love that flows into the whole year. My prayer is that we might be bearers of the good news those angels came to share not just for a week or so each year, but every day, of every year.

May this season inspire you to live in the light each and every day. Christmas blessings to you and yours.

Blessings,

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