

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**December 27, 2020**  
*The First Sunday After Christmas*  
**11:00am**  
**St. John's United Methodist Church**

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Gathering Music

Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Ruxandra Marquardt and Jim Ahrend

“Christmas Fantasy”

Sigurd Øgaard

Invocation

Call to Worship

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation,

**No harm shall befall you, no disaster come near your tent.**

For God will give his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways.

**They will bear you up on their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;**

**I will protect them, because they know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;

**I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.**

I will satisfy them with long life and show them my salvation.

**Our salvation has come in a baby born to us!**

**We join the angels singing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

Hymns

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (UMH 240)

“Go Tell It On the Mountain” (UMH 251)

*(see last page)*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Give

*Go to [stjohns-abq.org](http://stjohns-abq.org) to give online.*

*You may also mail checks to: St. John's UMC, 2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110*

Offertory Music

St. John's Music Staff

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"  
arr. Craig Hella Johnson  
Therese Macali, soloist

Doxology

UMH 221

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

UMH 220

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"  
*(see last page)*

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-18

Message

"Messages from Angels"

Larry Luna  
Certified Lay Minister

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Rev. Kelly Giese

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn

UMH 238

"Angels We Have Heard On High"  
Verses 1 and 4  
*(see last page)*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Jim Ahrend

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*Worship Leaders:  
Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Rev. Kelly Giese  
Mike Furnish, Larry Luna, Joe Marshall, Cari Neill, Gina Rivera  
Matthew Greer, Jim Ahrend, Shea Perry*

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
there shown a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed the Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

## Angels From the Realms of Glory

1. Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

4. Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

### **Angels We Have Heard On High**

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!