



North Scottsdale
United Methodist Church

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Songs
of the Season



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First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

"Toccata on Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

Introit

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn*

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates" UMH 213

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use in heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

4 Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Intercessory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation*

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230 vs 1,4

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met with thee tonight.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:13-17 (NLT)

Then Isaiah said, "Listen well, you royal family of David! Isn't it enough to exhaust human patience? Must you exhaust the patience of my God as well? All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). By the time this child is old enough to choose what is right and reject what is wrong, he will be eating yogurt and honey. For before the child is that old, the lands of the two kings you fear so much will both be deserted." Then the Lord will bring things on you, your nation, and your family unlike anything since Israel broke away from Judah. He will bring the king of Assyria upon you!"

Matthew 1:18-25 (NLT)

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

Sermon

The Songs of Christmas, Week 1: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
Pastor Christopher Wurpts

Offertory Invitation

Ways to Give:

- Leave your generosity in the Giving Box as you exit.
- Text "Give" to (480) 690-2442 or give online at nsumc.com.

Membership Ceremony

Congregational Hymn*

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

1 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!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3 Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen 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.

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Announcements

Benediction*

Doxology*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

Postlude

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*Please stand as you are able



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CHRISTMAS

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Prayer Requests

- Brad and Tess Oliver ask for prayers for their family, as Tess' grandmother passed away at age 95 last week.
- Sue Thompson asks for prayer for her friend Debi on the loss of her husband Shawn, and for her sister, who is struggling with illness.
- Jim Attwood asks for prayers for Steve Matt, who is in hospice, and his wife Sharon.

Reminders

- The **Sanctuary Flowers** at the altar are given by Tom and Betsy McPhee in honor of their 45th anniversary.
- Live Poinsettias and **Poinsettias With a Purpose** are now available to purchase starting through December 18th. You can use the physical envelope included in this bulletin or purchase them online by visiting the **Advent** hub on nsumc.com.
- Our **Blue Christmas** service takes place this evening at 6pm. This traditional-style service will feature a time to lift up the deepest concerns on our hearts, as well as prepare us for the holiday season to come.
- Our annual **Staff Christmas Love Offering** is now open. If you wish to participate, you can either contribute online at nsumc.com/staff-love-offering (under the **Support** dropdown) or indicate on a physical envelope.
- Our **Advent Celebration** will take place after the worship service on Sunday, December 4th. Join us to make your own Christmas ornament! Supplies (and sweets) are provided.
- **ElderTLC** has an immediate need for a minimum of 1200 sq ft of air conditioned space with access so their shoppers can add to the boxed inventory throughout the year. If you know of or own any storage spaces, please reach out to Cindy Bryant or Rob Grosse.

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