



Albany

First United
Methodist Church

December 26, 2021

Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen, Pastor
Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director

Welcome!

Prelude: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Brass Quintet

Celebration of Christmas Generosity

Melinda Martin

Invitation to Worship (based on Isaiah 9)

A child has been born for us. God's grace has been given to us.

He is called Wonderful Counselor, Good Shepherd, Mighty God,

Prince of Peace, Light of the World, Source of Life.

Jesus Christ is here. Hallelujah!

Song: *We Have a Saviour*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter
& Eric McKirdy

Scripture:

Psalm 98

Carol Meditation: "The Herald Angels Sing"

Pastor Lura

Song: *Christmas Medley*

Worldwide United Methodist Virtual Choir

Carol Meditation: "Joy to the World"

Pastor Lura

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Carol Meditation: "Go, Tell It"

Pastor Lura

Song: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter,
Walt Hammond & Eric McKirdy

Closing Blessing

Postlude



- We will sing two Christmas carols outdoors after the worship service.
- If you would like to join our church's prayer chain, please tell Carol Poppe, the church office, or Pastor Lura.
- Copies of the January issue of the church's newsletter, the Tower Notes, are on the table in the narthex (entryway.)

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Sing We Now of Christmas

1. Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain:

**Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!**

2. Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest, journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest." (Refrain)

3. In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild, seated by the manger, watching the holy child. (Refrain)

4. From the eastern country came the kings afar, bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star. (Refrain)

5. Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price; there was never a stable so like paradise. (Refrain)

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.