

SERMON NOTES—November 29, 2020
“The Announcement that Changed the World” by Pastor Alvin
Luke 2:1-15

- A **pronouncement** is an **announcement** that is authoritative, explicit, and formal.

Matthew 1:21: “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

John 4:42: “They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.’”

- The first verse of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” fully encompasses the pronouncement of the angels:

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 the angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new born king"

- “What does God’s pronouncement of hope mean for us today?”

#1. Rejoice in the hope we can cling to in our broken world.

In John 10:10 Jesus says, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

#2. Rejoice in the hope of heaven when we eventually leave this world.

In John 11:25-26, Jesus says, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

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*May God use us to spread hope in our broken world, and give the hope of
heaven.*