

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



Gathering and Prelude

Opening Hymn

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

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| Verse 1 |
| Oh beautiful Star of Bethlehem Shining afar thru shadows dim Giving a light for those who long have gone And guiding the wise men on their way Unto the place where Jesus lay Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on |
| Chorus 1 |
| Oh beautiful Star of Bethlehem Shine upon us until the glory dawn And guiding the wise men on their way Unto the place where Jesus lay Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on |
| Verse 2 |
| Oh beautiful Star the hope of light Guiding the pilgrim thru the night Over the mountain 'til the break of dawn And into the light of perfect day It will give out a lovely ray Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on |
| Chorus 2 |
| Oh beautiful Star of Bethlehem Shine upon us until the glory dawn And into the light of perfect day It will give out a lovely ray Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on |
| Verse 3 |
| Oh beautiful Star the hope of rest For the redeemed the good and blest Yonder in glory when the crown is won For Jesus is now that Star divine Brighter and brighter He will shine Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on |
| Chorus 3 |
| Oh beautiful Star of Bethlehem Shine upon us until the glory dawn For Jesus is now that Star divine Brighter and brighter He will shine Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on |

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Megan Young and Family

Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Word for Children

Anthem

Star of Wonder

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lords 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

Dona Nobis Pacem

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

NRSV

² In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Message

The Wonder of a Star

Rev. Moll

1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
5. Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Dismissal with Blessing

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| <u>Scriptures for Study:</u> Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalms 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44 | This Week at CLUMC Today Youth Group (middle and high school) 7p Monday 12/1 Senior Exercise 9am, FH Tuesday 12/2 Bible Study noon Basket Weavers 5p Music Rehearsal 7pm Wednesday 12/3 Senior Exercise 9a, FH God's Kidz 6p Nitro Youth Basketball 6 Bible Study 6pm Thursday 12/4 Online Bible Study (Zoom Only) 8p Upcoming Events Dec 17 Community Christmas Dinner 6p Dec 21 Parsonage Open House 2-5 p Youth Caroling 6p Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship 6p Christmas Eve Vigil 11:45p |
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