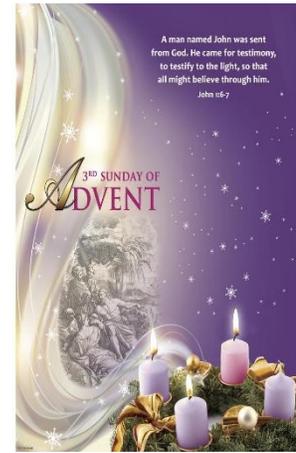


Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



Gathering and Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Because of Bethlehem

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Mills Family

Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel

UMH 211

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.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Word for Children

Anthem

Manger Throne

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

Away in a Manger

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 assuming human likeness.
 And being found in appearance as a human,

Message

A Perfect Child in an Imperfect World

Rev. Ethan Rapping

Recessional Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Glory to God, Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3. Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

[4]. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; O come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

[5]. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee with love and awe. Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? O come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

[6]. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Dismissal with Blessing

Scriptures for Study:

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9: 6-7

This Week at CLUMC

Today December 14 Youth Group (middle and high school) 7p

Monday 12/15 Senior Exercise 9am, FH Troop 68 Sanc/FH 6-8p

Tuesday 12/16 Bible Study noon (hybrid) Basket Weavers 5p
Nitro Youth Art Show 5:30-7:30p Choir 7p/Band Prac 7:30p

Wednesday 12/17 Senior Exercise 9a, FH Community Meal 6p FH God's Kidz 6p
Bible Study 6p (hybrid) TMCL Toy pick up Gym

Thursday 12/18 Online Bible Study (Zoom Only) 8p NA Meeting 7p
Allied Artists Holiday Dinner FH 6p

Friday 12/19 Senior Exercise 9a FH Baby Love Pantry Gym 10:30-noon
Young Life (Andrew Jackson) 5-8p Gym