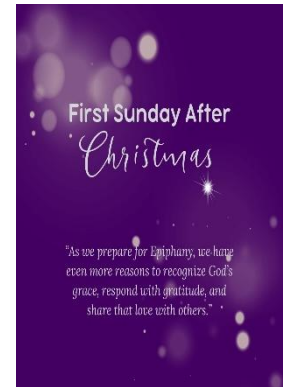


Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

1st Sunday After Christmas

December 28, 2025



Gathering and Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Go Tell It On The Mountain

UMH 251

1. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.
2. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.
3. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Call to Worship

Leader: The light of Christ has come into the world.

People: And the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: The Child born in Bethlehem still brings hope to weary hearts.

People: We come to rejoice in God's gift of love.

Leader: God gathers us, just as we are, with joy still unfolding.

People: We come to worship the One who dwells among us.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

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.

Word for Children

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 63: 7-9

NRSV

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not act deceitfully,"
and he became their savior

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Anthem

The Moll Family

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

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH 242

1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.
2. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?
3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and [all men], love for plea and gift and sign.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 2: 13-23

NRSV

The Escape to Egypt

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

The Massacre of the Infants

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

The Return from Egypt

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Message

“Choosing the Right Path”

Rev. Brandon Moll

Recessional Hymn

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.

Dismissal with Blessing

<u>Scriptures for Study:</u>	This Week at CLUMC
Isaiah 60: 1-6	<u>Monday 12/29</u> Senior Exercise 9am, FH Nitro Youth Basketball 6-8p
Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14	<u>Tuesday 12/30</u> <i>No Bible Study</i> Choir 7p Band Practice 7:30p Youth Basketball 6-8p
Ephesians 3:1-12	<u>Wednesday 12/31</u>
Matthew 2: 1-12	<u>Thursday 1/01</u> New Years Day -Office Closed
	<u>Friday 1/02</u> Church Office Closed