

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS CANTATA  
DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hal H. Thompson

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**ADVENT READING & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE:** Isaiah 12:2-6

**\*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE:** “From the Manger” Meisenheimer/Hamilton  
Verse 3: From grassy field to Jesus’ side, a humble shepherd runs back home.  
Forever changed one holy night, compelled to make these wonders known.  
From pastures green will all be fed; joy from the fields to the breaking of bread.  
From the manger joy grows; He will be God with us.  
From the manger joy grows: Bread of Life, Jesus.

**OFFERTORY:** “Angels We Have Heard on High” Hal H. Thompson

**\*THE DOXOLOGY: UMH #95**

**CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA**  
*A Festival of Lessons and Carols*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Please stand as you are able**

**A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

By Hal H. Hopson

**CAROL PRELUDE**

**O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL** – Please join in the singing of verse 1—see insert.

\*A Bidding Prayer

**FIRST LESSON** – Genesis 3:8-15 – Adam and Eve Rebel Against God

**GOD WALKED IN EDEN’S GARDEN FAIR**

**SECOND LESSON** – Genesis 22:15-18 – God’s Promise to Abraham

**THE GOD OF ABR’AM PRAISE**

**THIRD LESSON** – Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7 – Christ’s Birth and Rule Foretold by Isaiah

**COMFORT, COMFORT, O MY PEOPLE**

**FOURTH LESSON** – Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 – The Peace of Christ is Foreshown

**LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING**

**FIFTH LESSON** – Matthew 1:18-23 – St. Matthew Tells of the Birth of Jesus

**GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE**

**SIXTH LESSON** – Luke 2:8-16 – The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem

**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

**SEVENTH LESSON** – Matthew 2:1-11 – The Wise Men Are Led to Jesus

**FROM A DISTANT HOME**

**EIGHTH LESSON** – John 1:1-14 – The Great Mystery of the Incarnation

**JOY TO THE WORLD** – \*Please stand and sing the final verse—see insert.

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O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

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O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

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Taylor Glomb, Organ

Andrew Chavarria, Violin

Bill Slechta, Violin

Sarah Bell, Viola

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