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# Sunday School Christmas Pageant

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **O come, all ye faithful! Come and hear the best story ever told!**

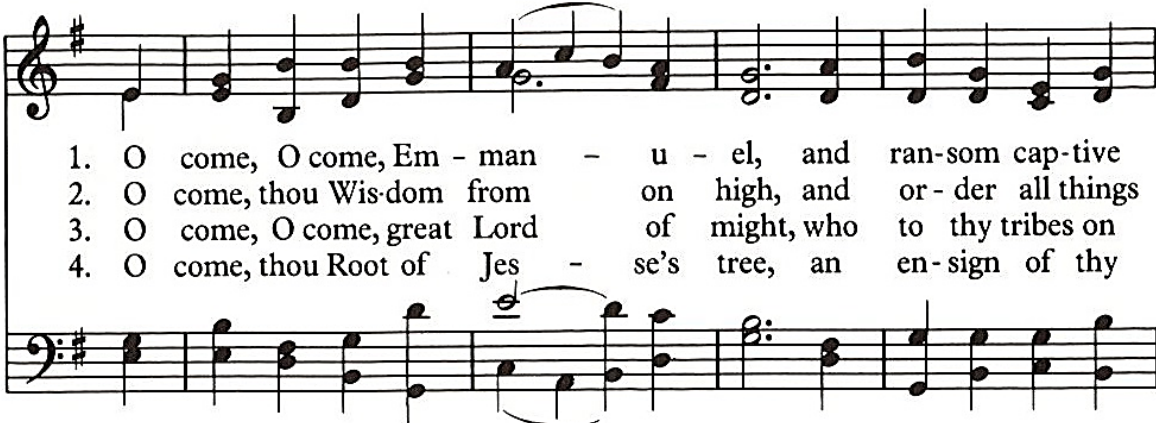
**Leader:** We come, filled with anticipation of what is to come.

**People:** **This story is joyful and triumphant. Come, let's go to Bethlehem!**

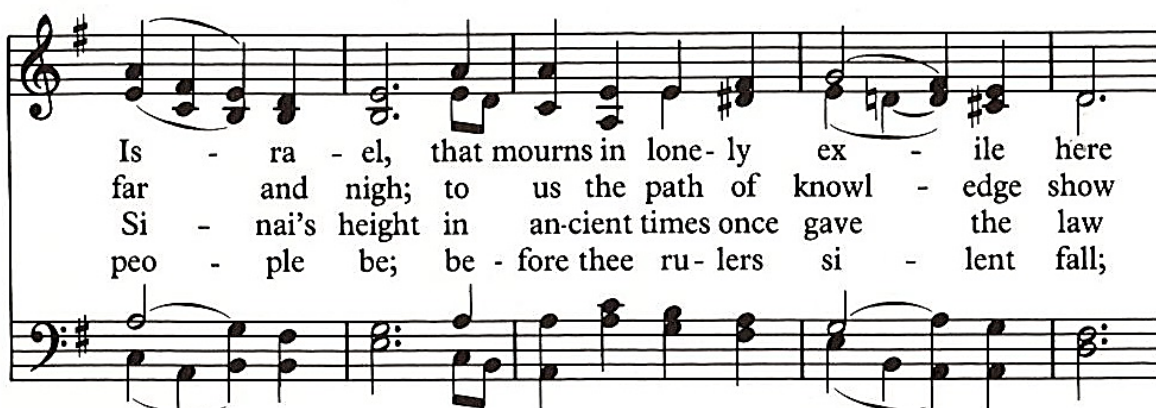
## Hymn

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(verses 1, 2, and 4)



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive  
 2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on  
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en-sign of thy



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show  
 Si - nai's height in an-cient times once gave the law  
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

*Refrain*



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-  
 in cloud and maj-es - ty and awe.  
 all peo-ples on thy mer - cy call.



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

## Lighting the Advent Candle

The Dunn Family

### Opening Prayer

God of Advent, thank you for entering our world as a child. Thank you for entering our lives today. And thank you for the hope of your promised return. As we journey through this Advent season, help us to always acknowledge your presence with us. Equip us to bring the hope of Christ to all of your people. We pray for all of this in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen!

### The Lord's Prayer

### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

#### Offertory

Prepare the Way

Swedish Folk Song

#### \*Offertory Hymn

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

### Christmas Carols

*(words begin on page 5)*

*You'll sing the carols during the pageant, to help sing the story!*

# Christmas Pageant Cast

**Narrator** – Kayla Hackett

**Gabriel** – Arcadia Peña

**Mary** – Madison Dunn

**Elizabeth** – Evelyn Ganard

**Joseph** – Zach Mannel

**Second Angel** – Ava Southrey

**Paul** – James Stenson

**Simon** – Trent Supal

**Jacob** – Alvin Capille

**Matthew** – Chase McGinley

**Mother** – Lucy Baerman

**Father** – Jacob Gorneau

**Townsperson #1** – Flora Supal

**Townsperson #2** – Faith Klinger

**Townsperson #3** – Caleb Cavileer

**Town Messenger** – Abby Bergeron

**Townsperson #4** – Audrey Daly

**Townsperson #5** – Nathan Peña

**Mary's Donkey** – Madeline Dawson

**Inn Keeper** – Gus Donahue

**Inn Keeper's Wife** – Lucy Baerman

**Baby Jesus** – Silas Stella

**Shepherd #1** – Alex Newhall

**Shepherd #2** – Hannah Cavileer

**Shepherd #3** – *Emersyn Seibert*  
**Chief Priest** – *Cole Sanders*  
**Herod** – *Liam Gilbert*  
**Soldier #1** – *Colin Daly*  
**Soldier #2** – *Jacob Gorneau*  
**Soldier #3** – *Michael Newhall*  
**Caspar** – *Joe Sabath*  
**Melchoir** – *Brian Dunn*  
**Balthazar** – *Reverend Dave*

**Camel #1** – *Ben Mannel*  
**Camel #2** – *Ethan Miller*  
**Camel #3** – *Gus Donahue*  
**3 and 4 Year Olds** – *Sheep*  
**Kindergarten** – *Angels*  
**1st Grade** – *Cows and Donkeys*  
**2nd Grade** – *Drummers*  
**3rd and 4th Grade Girls** - *Dancers*

**Shepherds Song** – *Shepherd, Shepherd*  
**Angels Song** – *Mary Had a Baby*  
**Manger Song** – *Happy Birthday* (everyone sings!)

**Hymn**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

(see page 6)

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## DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, December 14**

9 AM – Great Hall

11 AM – Sanctuary – *Cantata*

### **Sunday, December 21**

10 AM – Great Hall

### **Monday, December 22**

*Blue Christmas Service*

7 PM – Sanctuary

### **Christmas Eve, December 24**

*All are Candlelight Services*

5 PM – Great Hall

7 PM – Sanctuary

11 PM – Sanctuary

### **Sunday, December 28**

10 AM – Sanctuary

# Pageant Carols

## **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

## **Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

## **The First Noel**

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.

## **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

### **We Three Kings**

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O, star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

### **The Little Drummer Boy**

Come, they told me, (pa rum pum pum pum)  
A newborn King to see, (pa rum pum pum pum)  
Our finest gifts we bring, (pa rum pum pum pum)  
To lay before the King, (pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum)  
So to honor Him, (pa rum pum pum pum)  
When we come.

### **Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

### **Joy to the World**

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.

### **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

Refrain:

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.

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.