

Christmas at the Four Gospel Homes

Welcome to Mark's Home



December 3, 2023

11:00 AM

 **MISSOURI**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We exist to connect all people with Jesus Christ.
We do this by welcoming enthusiastically, growing deeply and serving courageously.

🌀 Welcome 🌀

*Children of all ages and their rustling are welcome in worship,
with special activity packets available at all entrances for younger children.
Nursery care and Children's Sunday School are located in Whittler Treehouse.*

PRELUDE "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (Sigfrid Karg-Elert) Craig Datz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastors Daniel & Jewell

+MARK'S INVITATION TO WORSHIP Greg Thackery

We knock on the door of our friend Mark, the writer. He greets us:

"Come on in, hurry out of the cold!"

We shuffle in and stamp the snow off our shoes.

"I've got good news and hot drinks to share!

The room is simple and clean, no decorations of the season.

We circle the fireplace and settle in for a story as we sip from our mugs

And Mark says,

"Get ready, I've got a great story to tell you!

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God..."

+OPENING HYMN UMH 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Mercy & Justice Ministry Team

ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose, E'er Blooming" (Bruce Saylor) Chancel Choir

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

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, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Shall Behold Him" (Dottie Rambo, arr. Marilyn Ham)

To e-give, text "MOUMC" to 73256 or give online using the QR code below.

+DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:1-3 (NIV)

Holy Spirit, as we have read this Scripture in our community,
humbly interpreting through Reason, varied Experience and Tradition,
bless our hearing and understanding.
May our listening be done with love.

MESSAGE “Christmas in the 4 gospel homes: Christmas at Mark’s Jouse” Pastor Jewell

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Sung responses in TFWS 2257
The Great Thanksgiving - Our Preparation for Holy Communion

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+CLOSING HYMN UMH 204 “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

+INVITATION & BLESSING

+POSTLUDE “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (Malcolm Archer)

Acknowledgements:

Invitation to Worship: Rev. S. Jewell S. McGhee

Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgy: Barb Stanford and Rev. S. Jewell S. McGhee:

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The annual
**Heifer International
Alternate Gift Market**
will be in the Connector the
first two Sundays of Advent,
Dec 3 and 10.

A table in the Connector will
have gift catalogs to choose
animal gifts and gift cards to
announce the gift.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Morning & New Year's Eve Services | December 24 & December 31

MUMC will host a combined worship service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary on both Christmas Eve morning and New Year's Eve.

Heifer International Alternative Gift Market| December 3 & 10

The Annual Heifer International Alternative Gift Market will be in The Connector the first two Sundays of Advent. Stop by to peek at the gift catalogues to choose animal gifts and gift cards for purchase.

Angel Tree Sign-Up | December 3

Stop by the table in the Connector and collect an angel! We have 15 angels remaining

Pecans Have Arrived! | November 26 & December 3, 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Pick up your pecan pre-orders from the Searcy-Feely Circle in The Connector between services. They also have extra pecans for sale! This is the last Sunday for sale or pick up.

Organ Advent/Christmas Concert | December 5, 12 PM in the Sanctuary

Organists from the Central Missouri American Guild of Organists will perform their holiday concert at MUMC in the Sanctuary on Tuesday at noon. Our own Craig Datz and Rochelle Parker will play. Organists from Columbia and Jefferson City.

Serve on Christmas Eve | December 24

Christmas Eve is a Sunday this year so we will have five services: 10:30 AM, 5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 11 PM. As we open our doors to the community and church for this holy day, we need hospitality and nursery volunteers for all of the services. Please contact the church office or hospitality team if you are interested in volunteering. More info to come!

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