

# *Christmas at the Four Gospel Homes*

Welcome to John's Home



**December 10, 2023**

**8:00 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 our worship services.*

*Worship activity packets are available at the Chapel door.*

*Nursery care is available in Whittler Treehouse during this service.*

### PRELUDE

Rochelle Parker

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

### +JOHN'S INVITATION TO WORSHIP

#### **Christmas at John's home, an invitation to worship**

We knock on the door of our friend John, the creative. Their front lawn sprinkled with white lights in abstract patterns, their door splashed with streaks of light and sparkle. They greet us:

**"Come out of the darkness and into the light!"**

We step into their home and leave our wet boots by the door.

**"Can you feel the vibe? That glory? Your faces are bright with it."**

The room is open and artistic, beautiful and strange.  
Decked out, but not in a 'deck the halls' kind of way.  
And John says,

**"First let's breathe together. Breathe in the light and glory. Breathe out darkness and despair."**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..."**

### +OPENING HYMN UMH 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss 1-3)

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Seekers

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SELECTIONS

Ryan Hampton

### JOYS & CONCERNS

### 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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (arr. Cindy Berry) Ryan Hampton,

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 1:1-18

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 John's home" Pastor Daniel

## TIME OF OFFERING

*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

**+CLOSING HYMN UMH 206** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

## +BENEDICTION

David Lile

## +POSTLUDE





## 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.

### MUMC Christmas Concert | December 16 @ 7 PM

On Saturday, come in out of the cold and enjoy the warmth and joy of our Christmas concert with the 9th Street Philharmonic. Adult tickets are \$10, student tickets are \$5.

### Serve on Christmas Eve | December 24

We still need volunteers for three of our five Christmas Eve services: 5 PM, 9PM, & 11 PM. Our 7 PM service team is full (Thank you!) As we open our doors to the broader Columbia community for this holy day, please consider if you can offer to help. Contact the office (443-3111) or hospitality team (betsy@earthlink.net) if you are interested in helping.

For this week's event calendar, visit [moumc.org/calendar](http://moumc.org/calendar).

Submit your connect card and share prayer concerns at [moumc.org/comm-card](http://moumc.org/comm-card).

## CONNECT WITH US!

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