

Christmas at the Four Gospel Homes

Welcome to John's Home

December 10, 2023

9:30 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.
Nursery care is available in Whittler Treehouse during this service.
Children's Sunday School is available at 11:00 AM in Whittler Treehouse.*

PRELUDE “Even So Come” (Tomlin, Cates, & Ingram)

City Band

WELCOME

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 MUSIC

- “Go Tell It (Gloria)” (Hill, Work Jr., & Maher)
- “Even So Come” (Tomlin, Cates, & Ingram)

COMMUNITY GREETING

CITY SINGERS “Cold December Flies Away” (arr. Daniel Schreiner)

City Singers

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Green Samaritans

TIME OF PRAYER

LORD'S 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, forever. Amen.**

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

SONG OF RESPONSE "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Hyfrydol)

COMMUNION

Communion is open to all and children of any age are welcome to help serve communion in The City. Come on up if you're interested in volunteering!

COMMUNION MUSIC "At This Table" (Idina Menzel)

TIME OF OFFERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Go Tell It (Gloria)" (Hill, Work Jr., & Maher)





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.

Christmas Cookie Communion | December 17 in The City

Christmas Cookie Communion will be December 17th. Please plan to bring cookies to share to the 9:30 service as we experience the love and fellowship of Communion in a creative and different way!

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.

Submit your connect card and share prayer concerns at moumc.org/comm-card.

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