

Christmas at the Four Gospel Homes

Welcome to Matthew's Home



December 17, 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 "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Oakeley, Wade) City Band

WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS COOKIE COMMUNION Pastor Jewell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF OFFERING

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

CITY SINGERS "O Quam Gloriosum" (Jacob Narverud) City Singers

MATTHEW'S INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We knock on the door of our cousin Matthew, the historian. His house, perfectly silhouetted in lights, with angels and a shining star on the roof. A beautiful antique Christmas wreath on his front door, a precious family heirloom.

Matthew, his parents, his kids and their dogs gather at the door to greets us:

"Get in here! You're family!"

The coat pile makes a mound on the chair by the door.

"Did you find your way alright? How are the roads?"

We step into a beauty of Christmas past and present, with trees covered in homemade kindergarten ornaments, some as old as you and others brand new this year.

And Matthew says,

"Come sit down, dinner is ready!

**I'm gonna tell you about where you come from:
ancestors and angels, stars and kings!**

This is how the birth of Jesus came about..."

CITY BAND

- "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Oakeley, Wade)
- "Manger Throne" (Wickham, Wood, & Smith)
- "O Holy Night" (Adam, Dwight, Cappeau)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Tim Dold & Haley Hamblin

“MY FAVORITE PART OF SUNDAY”

Pastor Jewell

TRANSITION TO THE CONNECTOR

Please make your way from the Sanctuary to the Connector. As we transition from the Sanctuary to the Connector, we will participate in our community greeting and ornament time.

COMMUNITY GREETING

ORNAMENT TIME!

BLESS CHRISTMAS COOKIE COMMUNION

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!

MESSAGE “Christmas in Matthew's home”

Pastor Jewell

COMMUNITY PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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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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.

Serve on Christmas Eve | December 24

We still need volunteers for three of our five Christmas Eve services: 5 PM, 9PM, & 11 PM. As we open our doors to the broader Columbia community for this holy day, please consider if you can offer to help.

Hospitality Meal: Be part of the MUMC tradition of feeding those who are here serving on Christmas Eve. Sign up to bring a dish or assist with cleanup. Link to sign up in the Messenger.

Nursery: Serve on Christmas Eve by volunteering with the nursery during our 5 Christmas Eve services. Email Christina Fletcher at christina@moumc.org if interested.

Hospitality: Our 7 PM service team is full (Thank you!) Contact the office (443-3111) or hospitality team (betsy@earthlink.net) if you are interested in helping with greeting.

Can Religions Bring Us Together? Sermon Series | January 2024

Join us for worship in January for our new sermon series "Can Religions bring us together? We would love to see you in the new year.

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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