

Christmas at the Four Gospel Homes

Welcome to Matthew's Home



December 17, 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 "Joy to the World" (Edwin H. Lemare)
Chancel Choir and 9th St. Philharmonic

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

+MATTHEW'S INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Kim Jenne

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..."**

+OPENING HYMN UMH 220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Missouri Conference Office Staff

CHOIR ANTHEM Selections from the Christmas Concert

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSVUE)

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 Matthew’s home”

Pastor Daniel

RESPONSE “Quia fecit” from Magnificat (Arnesen)

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 “Christmas Fantasy” (Gustav Rebling)

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+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 245 “The First Noel”

+INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen’” (John Jordan)

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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