

Christmas at the Gospel Homes

Welcome to Isaiah's Home

December 24, 2023

10:30 AM



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 “Suite from *The Polar Express*” (Alan Silvestri)

Craig Datz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

+ISAIAH’S INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Carla Hansel

We knock on the door of Grandpa Isaiah. His door has an eclectic collection of decorations, and you see among them the one you complimented last year.

Grandpa Isaiah calls us in from his recliner:

“It’s unlocked! Oh my dears, I know this year has been hard. Take comfort...”

There are just enough hooks by the door to hold everyone’s coats.

“Come find your place! I wrote a prayer and blessing over each of you. It’s right there in your stocking. There’s enough room, come on in!”

It’s a little tight, but we gather together in the cozy den at the front of his apartment,

Little stockings with each of our names are laid out with love... tumbling out are grocery store gifts...

And Grandpa Isaiah says,

“Bring that baby close, I want to see their beautiful face!

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace...”

+OPENING SONGS

City Band

- “Go Tell It (Gloria)” (Hill, Work Jr., & Maher)
- “Manger Throne” (Wickham, Wood, & Smith)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Panera Folks

COMMUNITY GREETING

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SELECTIONS

Ryan Hampton

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:1-5; 7:14; 9:6

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 at Isaiah’s home”

Pastor Jewell

COMMUNION

SONG OF RESPONSE UMH 237 “Sing We Now of Christmas”

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.

TIME OF OFFERING “What Sweeter Music” (John Rutter)

Chancel Choir

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

+DOXOLOGY UMH 94

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN UMH 238 “Angels We Have Heard on High ”

+INVITATION & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Year's Eve Service | December 31

MUMC will host a combined worship service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary on New Year's Eve. The theme is "Just Breathe."

Believing Beyond Barriers Sermon Series | January 2024

Join us for worship in January for our new sermon series "Believing Beyond Barriers: 5 Ways that Religion Can Bring People Together Today." We would love to see you in the new year.

Room at the Inn (RATI) | Second Mondays

Room at the Inn will now be open year round! MUMC is looking for 10-12 volunteers for the second Monday of each month. You may sign up to volunteer at this link <https://roomattheinncomo.org/>. RATI is located at 1509 Ashely St. in Columbia.

Reminder: The MUMC offices will be closed from December 25, 2023 until January 1, 2024. We will reopen on January 2, 2024. Happy 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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