

# *Christmas at the Four Gospel Homes*

Welcome to Luke's Home



**December 24, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

 **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 is located in Whittler Treehouse.*

**PRELUDE** Medley of Christmas Harp Music Maria Trevor, harp

**WELCOME** Pastors Daniel and Jewell

**+LUKE'S INVITATION TO WORSHIP** David Russell

We knock on the door of our friend Luke, the host. Their street is lined with cars slowly driving by to admire the lights and blow-up delights that adorn their lawn. A perfect evergreen wreath with red holly berries and white mistletoe hangs proudly on the front door.

Luke greets us in song:

**“Hark the herald angels sing! Glory to the new born king!**

Your coats are whisked away and piled on the guest room bed.

**“Would you kids like to play? I think they are going to put on a pageant!”**

As the kids run down the basement stairs, you look around at every flat surface covered in Christmas cheer and at least one tree in every room!

And Luke says,

**“The kids said that I’m the narrator, so here we go!**

**In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.”**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 234** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Craig Datz

**CHRISTMAS GOSPEL READING** Luke 2:1-20 (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.**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 240** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**CHOIR ANTHEM** “What Sweeter Music” (John Rutter) Chancel Choir

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** “Christmas at Luke’s home” Pastor Daniel

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Maria Trevor, harp

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## 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 Holy Night" (Adolphe Adams)

Shelby Ringdahl

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Babels and The Arendts

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 251** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Candlelight Carol" (John Rutter)

### PASSING THE LIGHT

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 239** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

### BENEDICTION

**+POSTLUDE** "Bethlehem" (Otto Malling)

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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## Volunteers Needed!

Room at the Inn is now going to be open year round and MUMC is seeking 10-12 people to volunteer at RATI on the second Monday of every month, starting January 8th.



## 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 Ashly 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](http://moumc.org/calendar).

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

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