

January 7, 2024

8:00am



🌀 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

Ann Merrifield

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jewell & Rev. Sandy Nenadal

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

We are called out of the night and into the day.

The season of shadow is coming to end; a new light has dawned!

We rejoice in God's promise of new creation.

Come let us worship the God of joy and peace;

Let us kneel at the cradle where God's light has shined.

+OPENING HYMN UMH 698 "God of the Ages"

+UNISON PRAYER

O God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your new day dawning. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness embodied in the babe of Bethlehem. And may we, like the Magi, behold your star, to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of Christ's birth may transform our lives and world. We pray through your Holy Spirit, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SELECTIONS

Ryan Hampton

JOYS & CONCERNS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ryan Hampton, voice; Zach Kierstead, piano

"Come, Let Us Use The Grace Divine" (arr. Stephen DeCesare)

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 (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 "The Easier Gift"

Rev. Sandy Nenadal

WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER UMH 607

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 13

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

TIME OF OFFERING

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

+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 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vv. 1, 2, 5, and 6)

+BENEDICTION

David Lile

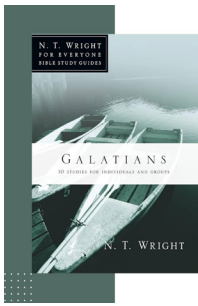
+POSTLUDE

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Galatians Study

- **Thursdays at 6:30**
- **Starts January 18**
- **Ten Week Course**
- **Book \$10**
Available in Office



Tim Carson,
facilitator

Dinner Club

Signups

A NEW SESSION OF DINNER CLUB WILL BEGIN SOON!
JOIN THIS FUN WAY TO GET TO KNOW OTHER ADULT MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY. SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER. REGISTRATION CLOSES MONDAY, JANUARY 8.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Room at the Inn (RATI) | Second Mondays monthly

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

Believing Beyond Barriers Sermon Series | Starting January 14, 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.

Galatians Study | Thursdays @ 6:30 PM

Tim Carson is facilitating a new book study on Galatians. This 10-week course, starting on January 18, is written by N.T. Wright and promises to spark some great conversations. Copies of the book are available in the office. \$10 is requested to cover the book cost.

Festival of Sharing - Backpacks of Love & Prison Packs | January

Support someone in need. Send a pack of children’s underwear with your child to Sunday school to give to the FOS Backpacks of Love or drop \$10 into the offering to support FOS Prison Packs (memo as “FOS Prison Pack”). May we be blessed in our giving to these great causes!

Special Thanks | Betsy and Tim Vicente retire Cornerstone Coffee

Betsy and Tim have provided the ministry of Cornerstone for more than a decade, providing more than \$20,000 in proceeds to various MUMC missions. We thank them for their dedication and pray they be blessed in this retirement.



For this week’s event calendar, visit moumc.org/calendar.

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