

**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Columbia, Missouri**

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Gathering Music – “Bright Morning Stars” traditional Appalachian Spiritual –
Compass Folk Singers with members of UUCC Choir

Words of Welcome – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

***Carol #17** – “O Come All Ye Faithful” – verses 1 & 4

Chalice Lighting

Offertory – “Shining in the Distance” by The Stray Birds – Compass Folk Singers
with members of UUCC Choir

An Offering will be taken for the Church Benevolence Funds.

*You can give online at uucomo.org/give or text the amount you would like to give
to 573-405-1202.*

The Christmas Story

Introduction – by Rev. Quinn Caldwell

Musical Interlude – “Jane Jane” Traditional Folk Song as done by Bonnie Light
Horseman – Compass Folk Singers with members of UUCC Choir

Part I – The Baby is Born

Carol #3 – “Away In A Manger” verses 1 & 2

Part II – The Angels Appear

Carol #11 -- “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” verses 1 & 3

Part III – The Shepherds Arrive

Carol #25 – “The First Noel” verses 1 & 2

Part IV – The Wise People Journey

Carol #27 – “We Three Kings” verses 1 & 2

Candle Lighting – Carol #24 – “Silent Night” – all verses

Please remain seated and tip the unlit candle toward the lit candle.

Closing Words

***Carol #14** – “Joy to the World” – Verses 1, 2, &4

Closing Words

Please extinguish your candle before moving from your seat.

*Rise or remain seated as you are comfortable and able.

Please be careful with your candles once lit, and keep an extra eye on your children. All are invited to stay for cookies, refreshments, and general good cheer after the service. Merry Christmas!

Church Staff: Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister; Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education; Violet Vonder Haar, Director of Music Ministry; April Rodeghero, Church Administrator; Phylshawn Johnson, Sound Technician