

**Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Columbia, Missouri**

**Christmas Eve Family Service**

December 24, 2025

4:30 p.m.

**Gathering Music** – “Christmas Time’s A-Comin’” by Benjamin “Tex” Logan –  
The Christmas Eve Choir

**Words of Welcome** – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

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

**Chalice Lighting**

**Offertory** – “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” by R. Fisher Boyce – The Christmas  
Eve Choir

*An Offering will be taken for the Church Discretionary Funds.*

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**The Christmas Story**

**Introduction** – by Rev. Quinn Caldwell

**Musical Interlude** – “Love is Here” by Nick Prater – The Christmas Eve Choir

**Part I** – The Baby is Born

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

**Part II** – The Angels Appear

**Carol #2** – “Angels We Have Heard on High” verses 1 & 4

**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.*

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\*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!

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**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; Monica Clark-Robinson, Intern Minister