

**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Columbia, Missouri**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Prelude — “Christmas Time’s A-Comin’” by Benjamin “Tex” Logan – The Christmas Eve Choir

Invocation & Words of Welcome – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

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

Chalice Lighting

Candles of Life and Remembrance

Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Dr. Housh Gordon

Carol #21 — “O Little Town of Bethlehem” verses 1-3

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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Reading — Luke 2: 1-7

Carol # 3 — “Away In a Manger” - verses 1 & 2

Reading – Luke 2: 8-14

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

Reading – Luke 2: 15-19

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

Reading – “Christmas On the Border” by Alberto Ríos

Anthem — “Love is Here” by Nick Prater – The Christmas Eve Choir

Homily – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

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

Benediction — Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

Please extinguish your candle before moving from your seat.

* You may rise or remain seated as you are comfortable and able.

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