



**November 27, 2022**

**Contemporary Celebration of Worship—9:30am**

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

**\*Welcome & Greeting**  
**Advent Candle Lighting**

**\*Musical Praise**

*Open Up Our Eyes*  
*Be My Vision*

**\*Passing the Peace**  
**Announcements/Prayer/Offering**  
**A Song of Giving**

*See A Victory*

**Scripture**  
**Series**  
**Message**

Mark 8:22-26  
Christmas: A Feast for the Senses  
"The Mister Magoo Syndrome"

*Rev. Chuck Wilson*

**\*Holy Communion**  
**\*Musical Praise**  
**\*Blessing**

*Open Our Eyes*

*\*Please stand if able*

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Pastors: Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Corey Milliet*

*John Woodall, Director of Contemporary Worship; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director;  
Donna Balisado, Screens; Susan Chambers, Lead Volunteer Worship Coordinator;  
The Contemporary Worship Team; Advent Candle Lighting: The Freeman Family*

**Traditional Celebration of Worship—8:15 & 11:00am**

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

**+PRELUDE** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming David Cherwien

**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**\*Opening Hymn #196** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory** (8:15) Of the Father's Love Begotten David Cherwien

(11:00) See Amid the Winter's Snow  
*Sanctuary Choir* arr. Dan Forrest

**\*Doxology No. 234** ADESTE FIDELES

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**THE WORD**

**Scripture** Mark 8:22-26  
**Series** Christmas: A Feast for the Senses  
**Message** "The Mister Magoo Syndrome" Rev. Chuck Wilson

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

**Music at Communion** In the Bleak Midwinter Charles Callahan  
*Olivia Beaver, Soprano*

**\*Closing Hymn #202** People, Look East BESANCON

**\*Benediction**

**\*POSTLUDE** Toccata No. 1 on HYFRYDOL arr. Joel Raney

*\*Please stand if able*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Pastors: Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Corey Milliet;*

*Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts; Kathy White, Music Ministry Associate/Organist;*

*Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Tom Amann, Livestream; Sanctuary Choir;*

*Olivia Beaver, Soprano; Susan Chambers, Lead Volunteer Worship Coordinator;*

*Lay Readers: (8:15) Jonnie Hildreth; (11:00) Hunter Adcock*

*Advent Candle Lighting: (8:15) Susan Chambers; (11:00) The Broome Family*

## HOLY COMMUNION

We practice our faith in the Wesleyan tradition and believe in an **open Communion table**. All who profess faith in Jesus Christ and seek to live in peace and fellowship with their neighbors are welcome.

*Wafers in the Communion cups are gluten-free*

## PEACE CANDLE

The first candle on the Advent Wreath is called the Bethlehem or **PEACE** candle. It is a symbol of the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child.

### WELCOME FROM THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION!

All are welcome here ... and we do mean all. We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God's kingdom. We don't all look or act alike; God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens, but every Sunday, we worship together as one. Our nearly 150-year-old church is filled with some traditional and inspiring untraditional ways. We study the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing modern songs and old hymns. Yet, in our preaching and prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant — a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

### THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING SUNDAYS AT 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Whether you are with us in person or online, please scan the QR Code on the front to complete the Check-in Form. If you prefer, you can fill out the **Attendance Books**, which are placed on each pew.

### FIRST TIME VISITORS please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up your visitor gift!

If you're here for the first time, please complete the **Guest Welcome** form. We would love to connect with you and help you get plugged into life and ministry of the church! Visit [matthewsumc.org/getting-started/](http://matthewsumc.org/getting-started/) for more information.

### EASY ONLINE GIVING

As you are able in your own circumstance, we invite you to uphold our ministry with your gifts. From your phone or device, please scan the QR code below to be directed to our homepage for your convenience.

### PRAISE PACKS

Praise Packs are special bags for kids ages 3-6 or kids ages 7-12 to help them engage in worship. Families can pick up a bag for their child in the Narthex or on the cart by the Welcome Center.

## OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Church family with special needs and concerns.

*In care and sympathy, we lift up:*

**Linda Williamson on the death of her mother.**

For care and protection, we lift up all the men and women serving in our armed forces, front line responders, law enforcement, fire, long-term care staff, teachers, and health care workers throughout the world.

**Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship**

Let us pray that **Cedar Grove Baptist Church** will flourish, and that God might richly bless their ministry.

## Our Advent Series: "Christmas: A Feast For The Senses"

(11/20) "Taste—The Gourmet God"	Luke 14:15-24
(11/27) "The Mister Magoo Syndrome"	Mark 8:22-26
(12/4) "The Awesome Power of a Simple Touch"	Mark 5:21-43
(12/11) "Do You Hear What I Hear?"	Matthew 3:1-12
(12/18) "The Baby Who Was Heaven's Scent"	2 Corinthians 2
(12/24) "Can You Hold a Candle to This?"	John 1

**Special "Thank You" to the Family Matters Sunday School Class, the Campus Garden Committee, and the Worship Committee for beautifying our Sanctuary for the Christmas season!**

SCAN HERE TO COMPLETE ATTENDANCE AND GIVE ONLINE



MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST

*Through Jesus Christ, we will transform the world, one life at a time.*  
801 S. Trade Street, Matthews, NC 28105 | 704-847-6261  
[www.matthewsumc.org](http://www.matthewsumc.org) | [social@matthewsumc.org](mailto:social@matthewsumc.org)

Come As You Are! Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary:  
8:15 (Traditional), 9:30 (Contemporary); 11:00 (Traditional),  
9:30 (United Kids Family Worship second Sunday each month  
in Gym), 12:30 Centro Cristiano Hosanna (Servicio en Espanol)