

PATHWAYS

TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pathway of the Bible

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
September 17, 2023

Welcome!

If you're here for the first time, please complete the **Guest Welcome** form at MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started and stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your visitor gift! We would love to connect and help you get plugged into life and ministry of the church. **Children's Praise Packs** are located in the Reception Area & Welcome Center. These special bags are for kids ages 3–6 or kids ages 7-12 and will help them to engage in worship.



MOBILE CHECK-IN & ONLINE GIVING: Scan the QR Code to download our **Realm Connect church app** and begin engaging with events, registrations, groups, the church directory and more! Sign in, Sign up, or learn more at MatthewsUMC.org/Realm. Check-In Station also available at the Welcome Center & Attendance Books on each pew for guests and those without a smart phone.

Get the app!



EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & ONLINE BULLETIN: Access the bulletin and a complete list of ministry opportunities in the [Celebration Newsletter](#). (Printed copies at the Welcome Center.)
Thank you for helping to conserve paper and waste.

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2023

3rd Sunday in Kingdomtide

8:15am

***PRELUDE**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

William Moore

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN, NO. 600**

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

His Eye is On the Sparrow
Suzanne Harmon, Cello

Charles Gabriel

***DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

OLD 100TH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 22:1-13; 2 Kings 23:1-3

MESSAGE

“The Pathway of the Bible”

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***CLOSING HYMN, NO. 601**

Thy Word is a Lamp

THY WORD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

David Cherwien

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Paul Craig;

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

Suzanne Harmon, *Cello*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Chuck DeLong, *Screens*;

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Jonnie Hildreth, *Lay Reader*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

September 17, 2023

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

*Musical Praise

Fear Is Not My Future
Way Maker

Maverick City Music
Leeland

*Passing the Peace

Holy Baptism

Elise Katherine & Grant William Hamrick
Daughter & Son of David & Pamela Hamrick

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

All My Hope

Crowder

The Word

Lessons

2 Kings 22:1-13; 2 Kings 23:1-8

Message

“The Pathway of the Bible”

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

*Musical Praise

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Lauren Daigle

*Blessing

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson; Rev. Corey Milliet;

John Woodall, *Director of Contemporary Worship/Liturgist*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*;
Donna Balisado, *Screens*; David Wilkinson, *Production Intern*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*;
The Contemporary Praise Team

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HOLY BAPTISM

Kendall Jana Hochfeld

Daughter of Lauren & Jan Hochfeld

*BAPTISM HYMN, NO. 611

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (*v.1*)

STUTTGART

TIME OF PRAYER

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Medema

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord
Sanctuary Choir

Philip Stopford

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Suzanne Harmon, *Cello*; The Sanctuary Choir; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Tom Amann, *Livestream*;

David Wilkinson, *Production Intern*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Jessica Fraser, *Lay Reader*

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. **After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors or someone at our Welcome Center. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know – you just might be home!**

OUR PRAYERS

In care and sympathy, we lift up:

**Heather Chapman on the death of her husband, Chris.
Family and friends of Pat Lang upon her death.**

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

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

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



THE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM WANTS YOUR INPUT!

Do you love contemporary worship music? In preparing for future worship, the Contemporary Worship Team is seeking song requests! Scan the QR Code to contribute your favorite tunes, and to explore serving opportunities.



REACH.
TEACH.
PRAISE.
SERVE.

COME AS YOU ARE: Sunday Mornings

8:15 (Traditional), 9:30 (Contemporary); 11:00 (Traditional),
9:30 (United Kids Family Worship 2nd Sundays in the Gym);
12:30 Centro Cristiano Hosanna (Servicio en Espanol)

9:30 & 11:00 Services Livestreamed at [MatthewsUMC.org](https://www.MatthewsUMC.org)