



MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 17, 2024

*Welcome!*

If you're here for the first time, please complete the **Guest Welcome** form at [MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started](https://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.



*Get the app!*

**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](https://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.



**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

*November 17, 2024*

*26th Sunday After Pentecost*

*8:15am*

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Edward Broughton

### WELCOME

## *CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP*

### \*OPENING HYMN, NO. 89

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TIME OF PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring  
*Ashley Broome, Soprano*

J. S. Bach

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## *THE WORD*

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21

### MESSAGE

"Living Gratefully in a Grasping World"

*Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II*

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

### \*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 664

Sent Forth By God's Blessings

THE ASH GROVE

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*Allegro maestoso e vivace* from Sonata no. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

*\*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*; Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate/Organist*; Ashley Broome, *Soprano*;

Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Nancy Harris, *Screens*; Susan Chambers,

*Worship Coordinator*; Katrina Larrison, *Lay Reader*

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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November 17, 2024

9:30am

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## Welcome & Greeting

### \*Musical Praise

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

*Matt Maher*

Follow You Anywhere

*Passion*

### \*Passing the Peace

### Holy Baptism

Eleanor Rose Hansen

*Daughter of Cale & Allison Hansen*

### Announcements/Prayer/Offering

### A Song of Giving

Gratitude

*Brandon Lake*

## The Word

### Lessons

Luke 12:13-21

### Message

"Living Gratefully in a Grasping World"

*Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson*

## Response

### \*Musical Praise

Here Again

*Brown & Corbett*

### \*Blessing

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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John Biggers, *Interim Director of Contemporary Worship*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Donna Balisado, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Contemporary Praise Team

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*November 17, 2024*

*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*11:00am*

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### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Stuart & Eulene Murray Foundation

### TIME OF PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Choose You  
*Sanctuary Choir; Janice Mangum, Flute*

Deborah Governor

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Janice Mangum, *Flute*; Sanctuary Choir; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*;

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Kirk & Wade Moskowitz, *Acolytes*; Julia TenBroeck, *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:*

**Family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.**

**Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship**

Let us pray that **Joy 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.*

## CLOSED CAPTIONING—*Live During Worship!*

To access the live closed captioning service, first be sure you are connected to WiFi or to a data plan that allows for browsing on your personal device! Next, scan the QR code below on your device (tablet or smartphone) for your respective worship service (8:15, 9:30, or 11:00), and a session will open in your browser. Here, you will be able to personally customize the font size & color, as well as background color for your closed captioning experience.



### 8:15 Service



### 9:30 Service



### 11:00 Service



## 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)

## STUART & EULENE MURRAY FOUNDATION

The Stuart and Eulene Murray Foundation was formed in 1991 and is a non-profit organization based in Atlanta, GA, dedicated to funding for the arts, education, and human services. The Murray Foundation strives to improve quality of life throughout the southeast region of the United States, through efforts that strengthen children's futures, foster rich cultural expression and deepen connections to nature and community.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## ADVENT AT MATTHEWS UMC

*A Baby Changes Everything: Worship Series*

**ADVENT STUDY *The Christmas Letters***  
WOMEN'S STUDY Begins DEC 2 & GROUP for ALL Begins DEC 4

**ANGEL TREE GIFTS**  
TAGS AVAILABLE NOV 10 & WRAPPED GIFTS DUE BY DEC 1

**COMMUNITY HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT**  
SUNDAY, DEC 1, 6:00 - 8:00 PM IN THE LARGE PARKING LOT

**CHRISTMAS-THEMED PARENTS NIGHT OUT**  
FRIDAY, DEC 6, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**CLASSY VS TACKY YOUTH GROUP**  
SUNDAY, DEC 8, 6:00 PM IN THE GYM

**MELODY MAKERS COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT**  
TUESDAY, DEC 10, 11:00 AM - LUNCH AFTER, RSVP REQUIRED

**COLLEGE-AGE & YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
SATURDAY, DEC 14, 7:00 PM

**JINGLE JAM KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, DEC 15, 9:30 AM IN THE GYM

**"THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS" CONCERT**  
SUNDAY, DEC 15, 7:00 PM - SANCTUARY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

**RAINBOW EXPRESS LIVE NATIVITY**  
DEC 15 & 16, 5:30-7:30 PM WHITE HOUSE-FULLWOOD

**YOUTH VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
SUNDAY, DEC 15, 6:00 PM IN THE GYM

**CAROLS AFTER WORK**  
DEC 18-20 (WED-FRI) DROP IN 5:30-6:15 PM, SANCTUARY

**NATIVITY SERVICES**  
SUNDAY, DEC 22 DURING 8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 AM WORSHIP

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**1:00 PM - Kids & Family Worship**

**2:30 & 4:30 PM - Kids & Family Worship \***  
Kids Worship in Gym with Live Nativity *Only AFTER 1pm Service*

**6:00 PM - Contemporary \***

**9:00 & 11:00 PM - Traditional \***  
Nativity with live animals in the Courtyard at Midnight

**7:30 PM - CCH Servicio en Español**  
*\*Candlelight Services with Communion*

**ONE Combined Worship Sunday, Dec 29 at 9:30 AM**



Details at  
MatthewsUMC.org