

A BABY CHANGES EVERYTHING

"The Urgency of Christmas"

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 1, 2024

HOPE CANDLE

The first candle on the Advent Wreath is called the Prophecy or HOPE candle. It opens the period that anticipates Christmas and remembers those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ child.

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.



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. 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

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Cantilena on Mendelssohn

James Biery

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Congregational Response

O Come Emmanuel, No. 211 (*Refrain Only*)

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 196

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh

MUMC Orchestra

arr. Stan Pethel

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-6

MESSAGE

“A Baby Changes Everything: The Urgency of Christmas”

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Music at Communion

Come, Thou Dear Redeemer

Brad Crossley, Baritone; Eon Malan, Organ

Cesar Franck

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fantasia on VENI EMMANUEL

arr. Cuthbert Harris

**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*; MUMC Orchestra (*names on back*);

Brad Crossley, *Baritone*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Chuck DeLong, *Screens*;

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator/Advent Candle Lighting*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 1, 2024

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

***Musical Praise**

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord/Agnus Dei

Schwartz/Michael W. Smith

O Come All Ye Faithful

arr. John Biggers

***Passing the Peace**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Congregational Response

O Come Emmanuel, No. 211 (Refrain Only)

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

That Star

Jennifer Gayle Knicks

The Word

Lessons

Luke 3:1-6

Message

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Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

***Holy Communion**

***Musical Praise**

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Stephen Schwartz

***Blessing**

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

John Biggers, *Interim Director of Contemporary Worship*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Donna Balisado, *Screens*;
Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Contemporary Praise Team; The Hartley Family, *Advent Candle Lighting*

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

11:00am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

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MUMC Orchestra

arr. Stan Pethel

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Congregational Response
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CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 196

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Shall a Star From Jacob Come Forth
Sanctuary Choir

F. Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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Brad Crossley, *Baritone*; Sanctuary Choir; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; David Wilkinson, *Production Assistant*;
Tom Amann, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Will Wallace, *Acolyte/Advent Candle Lighting*

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 **Maple Grove 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.

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)

MUMC ORCHESTRA

Craig Estep, Director

Flute: Sue Demick, Deborah Morrison, Thika Thani, Mika Thani;

Clarinet: Leslie Niessner, Shannon Remley, David Hooten; Horn: Wendi Moskowitz, Kristy Karschner;

Trumpet: David Shepherd, Luke Shepherd, Matt Byrum Trombone: Wes Broome, Steven Beaver;

Tuba: John Turpin Cello: Suzanne Harmon; Percussion: Greg Faucette, David Smith; Piano: Kathy White;

Organ: Eon Malan; Synthesizer: Grant Hughes



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

A very special thank you to Wendy Barall for creating the beautiful new Advent paraments in the Sanctuary!