



ASKING GOOD Questions

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 29, 2024

*UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP will be
NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 6TH*

*DON'T FORGET! ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
OCTOBER 20th—10:30am in the Sanctuary*

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

September 29, 2024

19th Sunday After Pentecost

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Festival Celebration
The Joyful Ringers

Michael Helman

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Promised Land
The Joyful Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:34-40

MESSAGE

“Asking Good Questions“

Rev. Paul Craig

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 672

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

Carolyn Hamlin

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*; Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate/Organist*; The Joyful Ringers (*names on back*); Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Nancy Harris, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Jonnie Hildreth, *Lay Reader*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

September 29, 2024

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

***Musical Praise**

Who You Say I Am

Hillsong Worship

Goodness of God

Bethel Music

***Passing the Peace**

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

You Say

Lauren Daigle

The Word

Lessons

Matthew 22:34-40

Message

“Asking Good Questions”

Rev. Paul Craig

Response

***Musical Praise**

Build My Life

Bethel Music

***Blessing**

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

September 29, 2024

19th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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CWM RHONDDA

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ANTHEM

Promised Land
The Joyful Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Call
Sanctuary Choir

Z. Randall Stroope

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Sanctuary Choir; *The Joyful Ringers (names on back)*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; David Wilkinson,
Screens; Tom Amann, *Livestream*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Kirk & Wade Moskowitz, *Acolytes*;
Darlene Prestbo, *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 Ruth Crowe, upon her death.
Family and friends of Doug Cooley, upon his death..

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that Graceway 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 JOYFUL RINGERS

Craig Estep, Director

Mellie Friend, Ashley Broome, Susie Verrill, Maxine Starnier, Sarah Sheffield, Chrissie Hackett, Janice Mangum, Lee Cornell, Karen Price, Tonya Terry, Olivia Beaver, Jan Moynihan, Julie Knafelz, Tom Amann

A Special Thank You!

Thank you to Wendy Barall for the beautiful construction of the brand new green paraments in the Sanctuary, which signify the season of Ordinary Time or Kingdomtide! During this time, the Church considers the overarching theme of salvation history, the need for diligence in Christian discipleship, and focuses on the advance of the Kingdom to the ends of the earth.

TEAM MUMC is GOING

ABOVE & BEYOND

ONE Combined Worship
OCT 20 at 10:30 AM

Followed by Family-Style Lunch in The Commons & Gym
No Lines, No Waiting & Kids Meals Come with a Cool Toy!

SING ALONGS DOOR PRIZES VIDEOS SPECIAL GUESTS

DUAL GENERAL FUND & BEYOND HOSPITALITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF
MatthewsUMC.org/Beyond-Hospitality

WEAR YOUR
FAVORITE TEAM COLORS
high school, college or pro sports
TO CHURCH!



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

CLOSED CAPTIONING AVAILABLE IN WORSHIP STARTING OCT. 6

*For anyone interested, especially
those with hearing loss*



Bring your personal device (smartphone
or tablet) with you to worship to access
the closed captioning



SEEKING ACOLYTES TO BE TRAINED



- + Recommended age - 3rd grade & up
- + Upcoming Acolyte Training on
Oct. 12th at 10AM

If interested, please contact
SUSAN CHAMBERS:
704-361-3001



MATTHEWS UMC AGE-LEVEL MINISTRY PRESENTS

COMMUNITY-WIDE

BINGO *night*

OCTOBER 11
5:30PM-7:30PM

ONLINE REGISTRATION BY OCT. 7!

NURSERY AVAILABLE | \$10 PER CHILD

COST:

\$10

SINGLE
TICKET

\$25

2+
TICKETS



SCAN ME

SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER!

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