

December 29, 2024

Welcome!

If you're here for the first time, please complete the **Guest Welcome** form at <u>MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started</u> 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 <u>MatthewsUMC.org/Realm</u>. Check-In Station also available at the Welcome Center & Attendance Books on each pew for guests and those without a smart phone.

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

COMBINED CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

December 29, 2024 First Sunday of Christmastide 9:30am

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Go, Tell It On the Mountain arr. Aaron D. Miller

Eon Malan, Organ

*WELCOME

*Musical Praise Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) Chris Tomlin

Angels We Have Heard On High arr. John Biggers

The Contemporary Praise Team

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Ave Maria Guilio Caccini/arr. Algirdas Matonis

Steven Beaver & Wes Broome, Trombones; Eon Malan, Organ

*Doxology No. 95 OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD

*Scripture Luke 2:25—32

Message "When Expectancy Became Hope" Rev. Paul Craig

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Closing Hymn No. 251 Go, Tell It On the Mountain GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Benediction

POSTLUDE Finale from Variations on 'Auld Lang Syne" Eugene Thayer

*Please rise in body or in spirit

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate/Organist; **Steven Beaver**, Guest Conductor/Trombone;

John Biggers, Interim Director of Contemporary Worship; The Contemporary Praise Team; Wes Broome, Trombone; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Donna Balisado, Screens; Jonnie Hildreth, Guest Worship Coordinator

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.

9:30 Service

OUR PRAYERS

In care and sympathy, we lift up:

Maxine Starner upon the death of her brother. Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that Memorial United Methodist Church & the Emerald School of Excellence will

flourish, and that God might richly bless their ministry.

YEAR-END GIVING

If you plan to give check or cash, you may place them in the offering plate during worship. Through December 31, you may place your gifts in the designated lockbox on the Admin. Hall door at the Church Office (please enter through front doors by the exterior mailboxes between 9am – 5pm.)

COMING UP IN JANUARY

JAN 12 Meet the Pastors: Membership Interest Gathering
3PM - SANCTUARY RECEPTION AREA

JAN 24 Community Bingo Night 5:30-7:30PM, GYM. \$30 for two or more participants, \$10 for single ticket. Register online by Jan. 22nd!

JAN 25 Leadership Connection 2025 8:30AM - 12PM - THE COMMONS. Register online by Jan. 19th!

JAN 5, 6, Kenya Mission Trip: Interest Meetings
12, 15
Check the event online for times and locations!
MISSION TRIP is SEPTEMBER 9 - 18, 2025

Events at MatthewsUMC.org



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