

IS A SAME-SEX MARRIAGE *a Christian marriage?*

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 12, 2025

UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP

Today at 9:30am in The Gym

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

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

On the Wings of the Morning

Anthony Giamanco

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 158

Come Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Spirit of God

Sarah Sheffield, Handbell Soloist

arr. Kurt Meyer

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-4; Galatians 3:28

MESSAGE

“Is a Same-Sex Marriage a Christian Marriage - Part I”

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 560

Help Us Accept Each Other

ACCEPTANCE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Recessional

Daniel E. Gawthrop

**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*; Sarah Sheffield, *Handbell Soloist*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Chuck DeLong, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Charlene Bush, *Lay Reader*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

***Musical Praise**

God Is On the Move

7eventh Time Down

King of My Heart

John & Sarah McMillan

***Passing the Peace**

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

If We Are the Body

Mark Hall

The Word

Lesson

Romans 14:1-4; Galatians 3:28

Message

“Is a Same-Sex Marriage a Christian Marriage – Part I”

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

***Musical Praise**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Christy Nockels

***Blessing**

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

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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

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11:00am

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin Harlan

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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 Morningstar Lutheran 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)

The sanctuary flowers have been given to the glory of God by Susan Chambers in celebration of her mother Doll Smith's birthday.

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

Events at MatthewsUMC.org

SIGN UP FOR SPRING SEASON! MUMC Children's Choirs



Visit Kids Groups at Kids.MatthewsUMC.org



Cherub Choir (5 & under)
Children's Choir
Chime Choir
Middle School Handbells

Info: Ashley@MatthewsUMC.org

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ONE SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH | 12:30PM

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