

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

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 19, 2025

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 19, 2025

2nd Sunday in Epiphany

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

arr. Charles H. Gabriel

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If I Can Help Somebody

arr. Alma Androzzo

Shannon Remley, Alto; Eon Malan, Piano

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 20:13, I Corinthians 13:1-7; I Thessalonians 2:5-8

MESSAGE

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

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN

If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

O WALY WALY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Richard Elliott

**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; Shannon Remley, Alto;

Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Chuck DeLong, Screens; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator;

Bill Campbell, Lay Reader

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

January 19, 2025

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

*Musical Praise

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

Grace On Top of Grace

Fellowship Creative

*Passing the Peace

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

If I Can Help Somebody

arr. Alma Androzzo

Shannon Remley, Alto; Eon Malan, Piano; Brian Lassahn, Bass; David Smith, Drums

The Word

Lesson

Leviticus 20:13, I Corinthians 13:1-7; I Thessalonians 2:5-8

Message

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

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

*Musical Praise

Build My Life

Brett Younker

*Blessing

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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John Biggers, *Interim Director of Contemporary Worship*; Eon Malan, *Piano*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*;

Donna Balisado, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*;

Contemporary Praise Team

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11:00am

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TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Our Love Can Mend a Broken World

Tom Trenny

Sanctuary Choir

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Brian Lassahn, *Bass*; David Smith, *Drums*; Sanctuary Choir; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*;
David Wilkinson, *Production Assistant*; Tom Amann, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*;
Grace & Aaron Jordan, *Acolytes*; Tonya Terry, *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:

Al Sims, upon the death of his sister.

Ralph Covington, upon the death of his daughter.

Stephen Caldwell, upon the death of his father.

Jan Hull, upon the death of her mother.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that Mount Harmony Baptist Church will flourish, and that God might richly bless their ministry.

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)

**COME ONE
COME ALL
TO CELEBRATE**

**PASTOR PAUL'S
RETIREMENT**


Sunday, January 26, 2025
Drop-In Following the 11 o'clock service
In The Matthews UMC Commons

County Fair Style Lite Bites & Treats Provided MatthewsUMC.org

**LEADERSHIP
— CONNECTION —**

SATURDAY, JAN 25 | 8:30 AM – 12 NOON IN THE COMMONS

All church members, leaders and volunteers are encouraged to attend this annual gathering focused on sharing ministry stories & setting priorities for the year.



Special Guest Speaker
Bishop Ken Carter

Register by Jan 19 | Childcare Request Deadline Jan 15

**UNITED
CHURCHES & YOUTH**

NURSERY AVAILABLE | \$10 PER HOUSEHOLD

COMMUNITY-WIDE

Bingo Night

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 | 5:30PM -7:30PM

COST: \$30 FOR 2+ TICKETS | \$10 FOR SINGLE TICKET

**ENJOY AN ITALIAN-STYLE DINNER. FOLLOWED BY BINGO AND
A CHANCE TO WIN SOME AWESOME PRIZES!**



*TICKET INCLUDES
DINNER

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REGISTER BY JAN. 22, 2025

