



MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 30, 2025

EASTER LILIES

To dedicate an Easter Lily in celebration or memory of a loved one, please register on Realm by April 13th.
From Connect: Go to Events and search "Easter Lily—Order Form" and follow the prompts to complete your registration.
Cost: \$10 per plant

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

March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Kyrie for Lent

Pastoral Prayer

Schutte

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Joyful Ringers; Wendi Moskowitz, Alto

arr. Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:13-18

MESSAGE

“Shaping the Virtuous Heart: Prudence”

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The Old Rugged Cross†

The Joyful Ringers

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

† - Selection of composer/tune made in honor of Women's Month.

Cynthia Dobrinski (1950–2021) was an American composer and arranger of handbell music. She has more than 175 sacred works in print. She also worked as an instructor and conducted about 350 handbell workshops and festivals internationally.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Corey Milliet

Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts; Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist;

Wendi Moskowitz, Alto; The Joyful Ringers (names on back); Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director;

Chuck DeLong, Screens; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 30, 2025

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

*Musical Praise

Better Is One Day

Matt Redman

Way Maker

Osinachi Egbu

*Passing the Peace

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

Rescue

Lauren Daigle

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Recipient Recognition

The Word

Lesson

Proverbs 3:13-18

Message

“Shaping the Virtuous Heart: Prudence”

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

*Musical Praise

You've Already Won

Shane & Shane

*Blessing

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson; Rev. Linda Kelly
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

March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
The Joyful Ringers; Wendi Moskowitz, Alto

arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Kyrie for Lent

Schutte

Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Gilbert Martin

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RECOGNITION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:13-18

MESSAGE

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Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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WELLESLEY

*BENEDICTION

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Director; Tom Amann, *Screens*; David Wilkinson, *Production Assistant*;

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Will Wallace, *Acolyte*

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 JoAnn Kirby, upon her death.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that **Presbyterian Reformed 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)

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THE CROWN

Today a *CROWN OF THORNS* is placed on the *rough-hewn cross*. Following the sentence of death by crucifixion and merciless beating with the deadly Roman *scourge* or *whip*, Jesus was given over by Pilate to his soldiers for crucifixion. It was proper for a King to wear a royal color; in mockery; Pilate's soldiers put a garment of purple upon Jesus. It was proper for a King to wear a crown; in mockery, Pilate's soldiers wound a *CROWN OF THORNS* and pressed it upon Jesus' head causing bleeding wounds over His scalp and forehead. It was proper for respect to be paid to a King; in mockery, Pilate's soldiers saluted and knelt.

The *CROWN OF THORNS* is a crown of mockery, a symbol of Jesus' humiliation and suffering. During the *SEASON OF LENT*, we remember the incredible cruelty endured by Jesus. May we never forget!

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Melanie Johnson attends Myers Park High School, and plans to attend a 4-year university to study Criminal Justice and Biomedical Science.

Mehki Hosin attends Porter Ridge High School, and plans to attend CPEC initially and obtain an Associate Degree in Science, and then transfer to Wingate University to pursue a BA in Health Science. Upon graduating with a BA, he hopes to attend Wingate's master's program to become a Physician Assistant.

THE JOYFUL RINGERS

Craig Estep, Director

*Mellie Friend, Ashley Broome, Susie Verrill, Maxine Starner, Annette Clary,
Chrissie Hackett, Janice Mangum, Lee Cornell, Karen Price, Sarah Sheffield,
Liz Mockler, Jan Moynihan, Julie Knafelz, Tom Amann*

CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER 2025

PANCAKE SUPPER

SHROVE TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 5:00-7:30 PM IN THE COMMONS/GYM

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 5, 7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY WITH GUEST PASTOR REV. JOSH NOBLITT

DRAW CLOSE: A CREATIVE LENTEN STUDY

THURSDAYS, MARCH 6-APRIL 17, 11 AM-12 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT ONLINE LENTEN STUDY GROUP FOR WOMEN

"24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD" STARTING MARCH 6, 6:30 PM

UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP

MARCH 9, 9:30 AM & SPECIAL APRIL 6 DATE IN THE GYM, 9:30 AM

MUMC BUTTERFLY PROJECT

REGISTER FOR CATERPILLARS BY MARCH 23 & PICK-UP MARCH 30, 9 AM-12 PM

"IT'S A PARTY" WOMEN'S BRUNCH WITH KRISTIN MOCKLER YOUNG

MARCH 29, 9 AM -12 PM - INSPIRATION, CONNECTION & EMPOWERMENT

JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE

PALM SUNDAY EXPERIENCE APRIL 13, BETWEEN SERVICES IN THE COMMONS

MAUNDY THURSDAY "THE LAST SUPPER" WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 17, 7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY LED BY RAINBOW EXPRESS MINISTRIES

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

APRIL 18, 7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT - GAMES, INFLATIBLES, PRIZES & MORE

APRIL 19, 6-8PM (6:30 NURSERY-AGE 5, 7:00 AGE 6-12 & 7:30 PM AGE 13-ADULT)

EASTER WORSHIP - APRIL 20

6:30 am Sunrise Service (Sanctuary Lot)

8:15 & 11:00 am Traditional, 9:30 am Contemporary

9:30 am Kids & Family Easter Jam (Gym), 10:30 am Butterfly Release (Courtyard)

Centro Cristiano Hosannah en Español: 6:30 am (Eagle's Nest) & 12:30 pm (Sanctuary)

