

# MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 27, 2025



# Welcome!

If you're visiting for the first time, we'd love to connect with you!  
Please complete the **Guest Welcome Form** at [MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started](https://MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started)  
and stop by the **Welcome Center** to receive your visitor gift.

For families with children, **Praise Packs** are available in the  
**Reception Area & Welcome Center**. These special activity bags,  
designed for kids ages 3–6 and 7–12, help engage them in worship.



## MOBILE CHECK-IN & ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to download our **Realm Connect Church App** and stay connected with events, registrations, groups, the church directory, and more! You can also sign in, sign up, or learn more by visiting [MatthewsUMC.org/Realm](https://MatthewsUMC.org/Realm).

For those without a smartphone, a check-in station is available at the **Welcome Center**, and attendance books can be found in each pew for guests and members to register their presence.



## EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & ONLINE BULLETIN

Stay informed with the latest ministry opportunities and access the bulletin through the [Celebration Newsletter](#).

*Printed copies are available at the Welcome Center.  
Thank you for helping us reduce paper waste!*

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

APRIL 27, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:15 AM

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

### WELCOME

## CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

### \*OPENING HYMN, NO. 308

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Thine Be the Glory*

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

### A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Beautiful Savior*  
Shannon Hurleigh & Elizabeth Carpenton

arr. Rob Gardner

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE WORD

### \*SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:7-8a (NRSVUE) Katrina Larrison, Lay Reader

### MESSAGE

“The Bush is Still Burning” Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 318

TRURO

*Christ is Alive, (v.1, 2, 5)*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

Toccata & Choral on ‘*Thine Be the Glory*’ arr. Martin Mans

*\*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Linda Kelly  
Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts  
Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist  
Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Nancy Harris, Screens  
Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, Worship Coordinators  
Heath Gilbert, Servant Leader: Staff Parish Relations Committee

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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APRIL 27, 2025

9:30 AM

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## Welcome & Greeting

### \*MUSICAL PRAISE

*Chain Breaker*  
*Good Grace*

Zach Williams  
Joel Houston

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### HOLY BAPTISM

Xander & Danielle Newcomb  
Son & Daughter of Nick & Ashley Newcomb

### ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER - A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### OFFERING

### A SONG OF GIVING

*Word of God Speak*

Mercy Me

## The Word

### LESSON

Exodus 3:7-8a (NRSVUE)

### MESSAGE

"The Bush is Still Burning"

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

## Response

### \*MUSICAL PRAISE

*Set A Fire*

Will Reagan

### \*BLESSING

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*\*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

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Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson; Rev. Linda Kelly  
John Biggers, *Interim Director of Contemporary Worship*  
Contemporary Praise Team  
Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*  
Donna Balisado, *Screens*  
Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, *Worship Coordinators*  
Heath Gilbert, *Servant Leader: Staff Parish Relations Committee*

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

APRIL 27, 2025

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11:00 AM

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George Frideric Handel

### WELCOME

## CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

### \*OPENING HYMN, NO. 308

*Thine Be the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

### ANTHEM

*Beautiful Savior*

Shannon Hurleigh & Elizabeth Carpenton

arr. Rob Gardner

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### HOLY BAPTISM

Graham David DuBois

Son of David & Bonnie DuBois

### TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

### A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Christ is Alive!*

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Hal H. Hopson

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE WORD

### \*SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:7-8a (NRSVUE)

Byard Bost, *Lay Reader*

### MESSAGE

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Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

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TRURO

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Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Sarah Sheffield, *Screens*

Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, *Worship Coordinators*

Will Wallace, *Acolyte*; Heath Gilbert, *Servant Leader*; Staff Parish Relations Committee

# 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 **Rockharbor 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.*

## ALL-CHURCH GATHERING

**MEET OUR NEW PASTORS!**

**Monday, April 28 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary**

**Refreshments & Fellowship at 6:30 pm**

\*Event also Livestreamed - Link on Realm & Website

**ALL ARE INVITED TO:**

## CAMP WILSON

**Pastor Chuck Wilson's Retirement Celebration**

**JUNE 8**



**MATTHEWS UMC**  
**The Gym & Commons**



**LITE BITES PROVIDED**

**DROP-IN FOLLOWING THE 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE**

**801 S. TRADE ST. | MATTHEWS**

**MATTHEWSUMC.ORG**

See [MatthewsUMC.org/events/retirement](https://MatthewsUMC.org/events/retirement) for more details

In April, **Brave Step** (a Global Impact Missions Partner)  
invites you to '**COLOR IT BLUE**' in observance  
of **Assault Awareness Month** and  
**National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, as we stand  
together in support of survivors and prevention efforts.



# 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!

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## Live CLOSED CAPTIONING DURING WORSHIP

Enhance your worship experience with **live closed captioning**!

Enjoy a more accessible worship experience!

How to Access:

1. **Connect to WiFi** or ensure your device (tablet/smartphone) has an active data plan.
2. **Scan the QR code** for your worship service (8:15 am, 9:30 am, or 11:00 am).
3. **A session will open** in your browser, where you can **customize** the font size, text color, and background color for optimal readability.

**8:15 am**



**9:30 am**



**11:00 am**



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## COME JUST AS YOU ARE - SUNDAY MORNINGS AT MUMC

8:15 am (Traditional), 9:30 am (Contemporary), 11:00 am (Traditional)

9:30 am (United Kids Family Worship 2nd Sundays in the Gym)

12:30 pm Centro Cristiano Hosanna (Servicio en Espanol)

9:30 am & 11:00 am Services Livestreamed at [MatthewsUMC.org](https://MatthewsUMC.org)



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