

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 29, 2025
3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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
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.

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

JUNE 29, 2025

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Oh Happy Day

Stumptown Brass; Will Thames, *Piano*

arr. Thomas H. Graf

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY GRADUATES (11:00 AM)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is good to give thanks to God;

People: Let us sing praises to God's holy name!

Leader: We will declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

People: And God's faithfulness night after night.

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise in our worship!

People: For God is good and we know God's blessings.

Leader: Let us worship God with grateful hearts;

People: We will give God thanks in our prayers and praise.

† OPENING HYMN

No. 159 | Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881 | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

GODSTORY

Rev. David Christy

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Michael Banks Pittman | Son of Houston & Meredith Pittman

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

According to the Apostle Paul, the fruit of the Spirit includes kindness and generosity, gifts of God we enjoy. As we present our offering, may the Spirit fill us with generosity, and multiply our kindness for the sake of Christ our Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Shenandoah

arr. J.A. Ryther

Stumptown Brass

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 94 | Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WE HEAR THE WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSVUE)

Travis Silbertquit (8:15 AM); Becky Yates (11:00 AM), *Lay Readers*

SERMON

"Foolish Choices"

Rev. Linda Kelly

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 163 | Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

HENDON

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'Lift High the Cross'

arr. David M. Cherwien

CONGRATULATIONS TO DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY GRADUATES!

DISCIPLE I - Led by Tina Bobrowski

Troy Ferguson	Kelly Smith
John Higdon	Joe George
Lee Monk	Karen DeSilva
Mary Lew Bernard	Bonnie Harrell
Pam Smith	Tom Sheehan
Kristen Williams	Melissa Jones
Brenda Benton	Sue Fitzgerald

DISCIPLE II - Led by Clark Holmes

Frank Brown	Kathy Efird
Robert Hinson	Kevin Deese
Terry Bauer-Brown	Terry Efird
Marty Hinson	Lisa Deese
Amanda Greer	Dayna Trivette
Adele Spil	Charlotte Hall

Find out more on Disciple Bible Study under Adult Groups at MatthewsUMC.org

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. Linda Kelly; Leah Leath, Lay Liturgist

Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist; Ashley Broome, Music Leader

Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Nancy Harris (8:15 AM), Screens

David Wilkonson (11:00 AM), Production Assistant

Stumptown Brass (names on back); Will Thames, Pianist

Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator; David Bigham, Acolyte Shepherd

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

JUNE 29, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome

† MUSICAL PRAISE
I Surrender
The Heart of Worship

Jesus Culture
Matt Redman

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GODSTORY
Rev. David Christy

PRAYER | OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING
Gratitude

Brandon Lake

The Word

LESSON
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE
"Foolish Choices"

Rev. Linda Kelly

Response

RECOGNITION OF DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY GRADUATES

MUSICAL PRAISE
When It's All Been Said and Done

Jim Cowan

† BLESSING

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Rev. Linda Kelly; Leah Leath, Lay Liturgist
Shelley Medford, Director of Contemporary Worship; Contemporary Praise Team
John Biggers, Associate Worship Leader; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director
Donna Balisado (9:30 AM), Screens; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator



Our Prayers

In care and sympathy, we lift up...
Family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.
Family and friends upon the death of Sandra Frye.
Kathy Smith, upon the death of her daughter.

Prayers for a neighboring house of worship:
let us pray that **Spirit of Joy 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.**

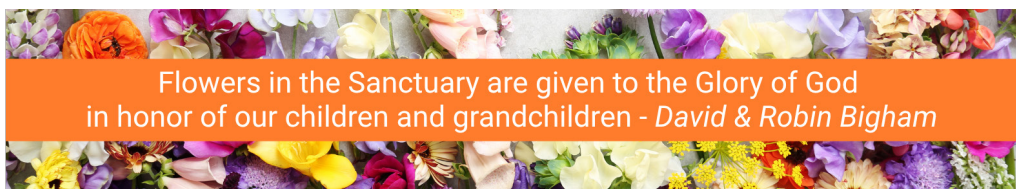
WITH GRATITUDE FOR REV. LINDA KELLY'S FAITHFUL SERVICE

As Rev. Linda Kelly concludes her time as Interim Associate Pastor of Congregational Care, we give thanks for the wisdom, warmth, and deep compassion she has shared with the Matthews UMC community over the past several months.

A familiar and beloved presence at Matthews, Pastor Linda previously served on staff from 1999 to 2002. Her return during this season was a true gift from God as she offered pastoral support, spiritual care, and a steadying presence to individuals and families navigating both joys and challenges. Her calm spirit and deep listening created sacred space for those in need of comfort, prayer, or simply a caring word.

Linda retired in 2021 after 34 years of ministry in the Western North Carolina Conference, including leadership as the District Superintendent of the Smoky Mountain District. We were honored that she chose to step out of retirement (and away from the serenity of Sunset Beach) to walk alongside our congregation once again.

We are especially grateful for the love and energy she poured into our care ministries, and for the light of Christ she reflects so naturally in every interaction. Thank you, Pastor Linda, for your faithful service. You'll always have a home at Matthews.



Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in honor of our children and grandchildren - *David & Robin Bigham*



Welcome

**TO OUR NEW
SENIOR PASTOR
ON JULY 13TH
Rev. David Christy**

STUMPTOWN BRASS

Tim Goforth, David Brewer, *Trumpet*; David Mickus, *Horn*
Wes Broome, *Trombone*; Max Mensing, *Tuba*

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!

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



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://www.MatthewsUMC.org)



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