

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 19, 2025

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY



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 outside the Gym doors (inside The Commons). These special activity bags, designed for kids ages 3–6 and 7–12, help engage them in worship. **Sensory Bags** are available at the **Welcome Center**.



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

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

OCTOBER 19, 2025

THE COMMONS | 8:15 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

No. 89 | Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (v. 1 & 3)

HYMN TO JOY

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Call to Prayer | Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Handbell Quartet

arr. Jason W. Krug

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology

OLD 100TH

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10: 1-29 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Unexpected Guests”

Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

GTG 698 | Take, O Take Me as I Am (1x)

TAKE ME AS I AM

† BENEDICTION

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. David Christy, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun, Executive Pastor
Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath, Guest Preacher

Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts | Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist
Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, Worship Coordinators

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 19, 2025

GYM | 9:30 AM

Welcome

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Who You Say I Am
Same God

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan
Brandon Lake

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

NEW MEMBERS JOINING

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given us.
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and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

PRAYER | OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING

I Speak Jesus

A. Benton, C. Prince, D. Smith, J. Reeves, K. Dutton

The Word

LESSON

Acts 10: 1-29 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"Unexpected Guests"

Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath

Response

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Hope Has A Name

River Valley Kids Worship

† BLESSING



† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. David Christy, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun, Executive Pastor
Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath, Guest Preacher | Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Welcome & Hospitality
Byron Murphy, Director of Contemporary Worship | John Biggers, Associate Worship Leader
Tim Martin, Drums | Brian Lassahn, Bass | Bryant Crisp, Electric Guitar | Ed Scholl, Keys
Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Donna Balisado, Screens
Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 19, 2025

GYM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Praise and Reflection
The Joyful Ringers

Mary Kay Parrish

WELCOME

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THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

You Do Not Walk Alone Elaine Hagenberg
Sanctuary Choir

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology OLD 100TH

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SERMON

“Unexpected Guests” Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

GTG 698 | Take, O Take Me as I Am (2x) TAKE ME AS I AM

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

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Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath, Guest Preacher | Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Welcome & Hospitality
Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts | Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist
Sanctuary Choir | Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Tom Amann, Livestream
David Wilkinson, Production Assistant | Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator
David Bigham, Acolyte Shepherd | Kirk & Wade Moskowitz, Acolytes

Our Prayers

In care and sympathy, we lift up family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

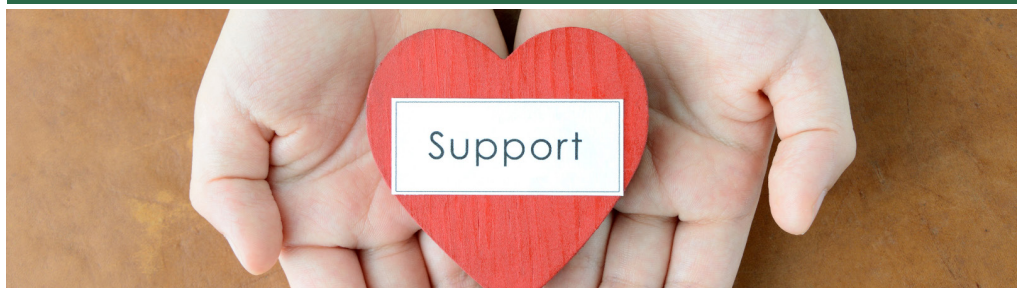
- Please lift up **All Saints Anglican Church**, that their ministry may flourish and be richly blessed.
- **Gail Burris**, upon the death of her husband.
- Also remember those in our church family with **special needs and concerns**. We pray for the care and protection of all serving in the military, emergency services, law enforcement, healthcare, long-term care, and education.



THE JOYFUL RINGERS

Craig Estep, *Director*

Janice Mangum, Robin Havican, Susie Verrill*, Maxine Starnier*, Sarah Sheffield*, Chrissie Hackett, Julie Harris, Lee Cornell, Annette Clary*, Karen Price, Liz Mockler, Jan Moynihan, Julie Knafelz, Tom Amann
**Handbell Quartet*



RESOURCES FOR HOPE AND HEALING

We are not meant to do life on our own.

If you are in a space where you may need help, please reach out.

Stephen Ministry - trained lay members who provide Christian friendship through a difficult time.

Contact: Pastor Susan susan@matthewsumc.org | stephenministry@matthewsumc.org.

Support Groups - there are a variety of support groups offered.
Go to MatthewsUMC.org/support-groups/ for more information.

Counseling – if you should have a need for a professional counselor,
Contact: Pastor Susan for a list of resources, susan@matthewsumc.org

National Mental Health Hotline - 866-903-3787

Atrium Health 24/7 Crisis and Mental Health Helpline - 704-444-2400

Novant Mental Health Access – 800-718-3550

Suicide and Crisis Hotline - 988

8:15 AM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE
+ WEEKLY COMMUNION
THE COMMONS

9:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY
SERVICE
GYM

11:00 AM

TRADITIONAL
SERVICE
GYM

12:30 PM

CCH
SERVICE
GYM

6:00 PM

YOUTH
WORSHIP
THE COMMONS



UPON REQUEST

ASL INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer interpreters for American Sign Language.
If you or someone you know would benefit from this service,
please see one of our ushers for more details.

From the Pastors & 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 (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.

WIFI (WPA2): MUMCguest

Password: methodist

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)

6:00 PM Youth Worship (in the Commons)

*Services Livestreamed at MatthewsUMC.org



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