



REACH. TEACH. **PRAISE.** SERVE.
MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent

“Waiting With Hope”

Rev. David Christy



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 narthex. These special activity bags, designed for kids ages 3–6 and 7–12, help engage them in worship.

Sensory Bags are also available at the **Welcome Center**.

We are pleased to offer interpreters for **American Sign Language** at the 9:30 AM worship service. If you or someone you know would benefit from ASL, please see one of our ushers for more details.



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TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

8:15 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

No. 210 | Toda la Tierra

TAULE

† OPENING HYMN

No. 211 | O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSVUE)

Nancy Campbell, *Lay Reader*

SERMON

“Waiting With Hope”

Rev. David Christy

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD & OFFER OUR GIFTS

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Cradle Carol

Craig Estep, *Tenor*

Dan Forrest

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 234 | O come, let us adore Him

ADESTE FIDELES

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 206 | I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

We warmly invite you to come to the kneelers for a time of prayer.

† BENEDICTION

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Contemporary Worship

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Hymn No. 210 | Toda la Tierra

TAULE

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Prepare Ye the Way
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Michael W. Smith
FOR KING & COUNTRY

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER

The Word

† LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSVUE)

Amy Ramsey, Lay Reader

MESSAGE

"Waiting With Hope"

Rev. David Christy

Response

A SONG OF GIVING

Noel

Chris Tomlin, Lauren Daigle

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

O come, let us adore Him

ADESTE FIDELES

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

*During the final song, we warmly invite you to come to the **kneelers** for a time of prayer. Whether you're seeking comfort, guidance, or simply a quiet moment with God, this sacred space is open to you. If you would like a pastor to pray with you, please raise your hand as you kneel. Otherwise, we honor this as your personal time with God.*

† BLESSING



† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. David Christy, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun, Executive Pastor
Byron Murphy, Dir. of Contemporary Worship | John Biggers, Assoc. Worship Leader
Greg Faucette, Drums | Mike Derby, Bass | Bryant Crisp, Electric Guitar | Ed Scholl, Keys
Alicia Tyson, Maggie Fraser, Vocals | Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director
Donna Balisado, Screens | Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator
Jessica Bridges, ASL Interpreter

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TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME

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CHILDREN'S TIME

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Call to Prayer | Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSVUE)

Maxine Starnner, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Waiting With Hope"

Rev. David Christy

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Veni Emmanuel

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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Craig Estep, Dir. of Music & Worship Arts | Eon Malan, Music Ministry Assoc. & Organist
Sanctuary Choir | Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Tom Amann, Livestream
David Wilkinson, Production Assistant | Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator
David Bigham, Acolyte Shepherd | Grace & Aaron Jordan, Acolytes

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Our Prayers

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

Please lift up **Carmel Presbyterian Church**,
that their ministry may flourish and be richly blessed.

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, healthcare,
emergency services, law enforcement, long-term care, and education.



UNITED KIDS
CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

Children's Nativity

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
DURING THE
8:15AM, 9:30AM & 11AM
WORSHIP SERVICES



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REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 | [KIDS.MATTHEWSUMC.ORG](https://kids.matthewsumc.org)

**WE'RE MOVING BACK INTO THE SANCTUARY
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**



ALL EARTH IS WAITING

2025 Christmas Eve Services

1:00 PM | KIDS & FAMILY | Gym

Worship followed by Live Nativity & Animals in the Courtyard

2:30 PM & 4:30 PM | KIDS & FAMILY | Gym

Candlelight Acoustic Worship, Communion & Family Activities

4:00 PM & 6:00 PM | TRADITIONAL | Sanctuary

Candlelight Worship with Choir, Orchestra & Communion

9:00 PM | CONTEMPORARY | Sanctuary

Candlelight Worship with Praise Band & Communion

11:30 PM | VESPERS | Courtyard

30-minute Candlelight Worship with A cappella music, Nativity & Animals

*Nursery (3 & under) provided for all services, except 9:00 & 11:30 PM.

visit [MatthewsUMC.org](https://matthewsumc.org) for more details

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ALL are welcome at **Matthews United Methodist Church**. We truly mean that. At Matthews United Methodist Church, we practice an “open” table at Holy Communion, which means there are no “requirements” to meet in order to receive the sacrament, and our worship is open to everyone who wishes to participate. We acknowledge that we are different people who think differently about matters of faith and life. In our various worship services we express ourselves differently but seek to proclaim the same God. We hope you feel welcome and accepted here. Our belief is God accepts us where we are. Please let one of our pastors or someone at our **Welcome Center** know you are here and how we can assist you on your spiritual journey. We offer lots of classes, groups, and studies where you can “plug in” to our church. Welcome!

6:00 PM
YOUTH
WORSHIP
COMMONS

9:30 AM & 11:00 AM services are Livestreamed at MatthewsUMC.org

