



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

DECEMBER 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent | Communion

“Waiting Without All The Answers”

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

DECEMBER 7, 2025

8:15 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
MUMC Orchestra

arr. Stan Pethel

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING | The Rizzo Family
No. 210 | Toda la Tierra

TAULE

† OPENING HYMN

No. 196 | Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Call to Prayer | Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSVUE)

Wendy Hall, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Waiting Without All The Answers”

Rev. David Christy

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD & OFFER OUR GIFTS

† SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation on “In the Bleak Midwinter”

arr. Paul Fey, Simon Lole

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

I Wonder as I Wander

Sanctuary Choir, Alexander Glasscock, Violin

arr. Kyle Pederson

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 234 | O Come, Let Us Adore Him

ADESTE FIDELES

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 203 | Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (v. 1, 3, 4)

ELLACOMBE

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

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

arr. Paul Fey

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

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CAPTIONING

Rev. David Christy, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun, Executive Pastor
Craig Estep, Dir. of Music & Worship Arts | Eon Malan, Music Ministry Assoc. & Organist
Joel Mullis, Worship Production Dir. | Chuck DeLong, Screens
Jonnie Hildreth, Worship Coordinator



Contemporary Worship

DECEMBER 7, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING | The Weaver Family

Hymn No. 210 | Toda la Tierra

TAULE

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)

John W. Work, Jr.

J.D. Myers, Kristian Stanfill

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER

The Word

† LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSVUE)

Kathleen Benjamin, Lay Reader

MESSAGE

"Waiting Without All The Answers"

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Response

† SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

A SONG OF GIVING

Light of the World

Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, Paul Mabury

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

ADESTE FIDELES

† MUSICAL PRAISE

King of Kings

Scott & Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram

*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
Tim Martin, Drums | Mike Derby, Bass | Bryant Crisp, Electric Guitar | Ed Scholl, Keys
Joel Mullis, Worship Production Dir. | Tom Amann, Livestream | Donna Balisado, Screens
Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator | Jessica Bridges, ASL Interpreter

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CHORAL ANTHEM

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Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 654 J.S. Bach

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David Wilkinson, Production Assistant | Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator
David Bigham, Acolyte Shepherd | Garyn Wilkins, Rebecca Kamenick, Acolytes



Our Prayers

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

Tina Bobrowski, upon the death of her mother.

Please lift up **704 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.

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Thank you to the Brass Ensemble for playing in the Narthex this morning.

MUMC ORCHESTRA

Sue Demick, Deborah Morrison, Janice Mangum, *Flutes* | Leslie Neissner, *Clarinet*
Parker Rosenblatt, *Bassoon* | Wendi Moskoswitz, Kristy Karschner, *Horn*
Matt Byrum, Jevone Primus, David Shepherd, Luke Shepherd, *Trumpet*
Steven Beaver, Joe Coker, Wes Broome, *Trombone* | Chaz Waldrip, *Tuba*
Greg Faucette, Sarah Sheffield, *Percussion* | Matt Burmeister, Alexander Glasscock,
Grace Jordan, *Violin* | Suzanne Harmon, *Cello*



JINGLE JAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 9:30AM

A HIGH-ENERGY WORSHIP SERVICE BIG ENOUGH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

MUMC GYM
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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

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.

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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
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9:30 AM & 11:00 AM services are Livestreamed at [MatthewsUMC.org](https://www.MatthewsUMC.org)

