

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to 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.



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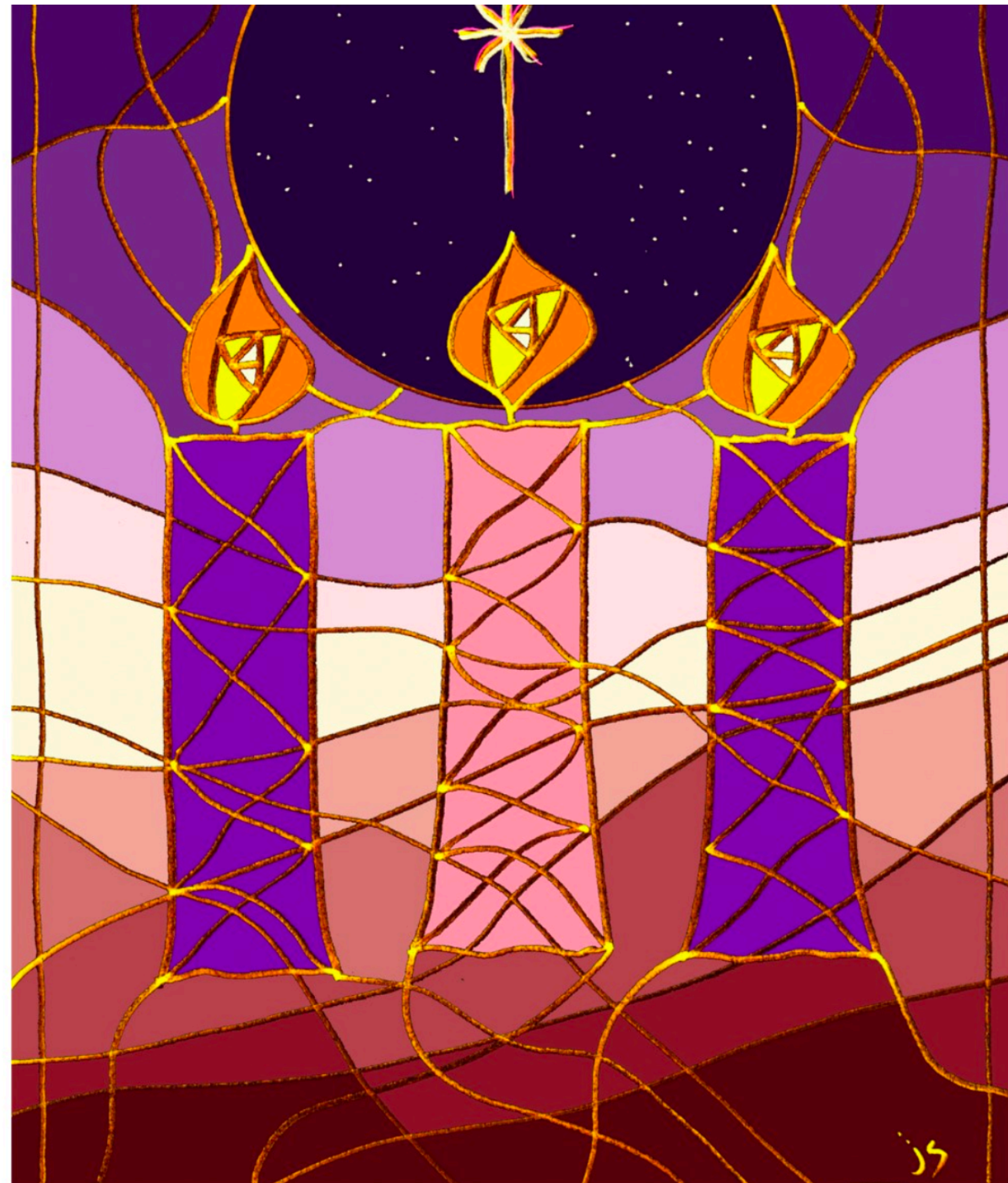
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Welcome to St. Matthew's!

If you are visiting with us this morning we hope you feel welcome and will return to visit soon! Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad found on each pew or you can scan the QR Code to let us know you are here.

This QR Code can also be used to make a financial contribution.



St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church
December 14, 2025 10:30 am
3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering.....Rev. Brian Johnston

Prelude..... Frank Laney, Organist

*Cross and the Light of the World

*Hymn of Praise.....No. 246
“Joy to the World”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Ben, Leslie, James, Thomas, and Emma Knight

“All Nature Sings Joy”

“Celtic Advent Carol” – Barrett/Angerman

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” – arr. Rouse/Kirkland

“Let There Be Christmas” – Martin

Morning Prayers

Pastoral Prayer.....Rev. Andy Stoddard

Lord’s Prayer No. 895

“People, Look East” – Courtney
Pianists: Allen Hart & Sherribeth Wright

“In Bethlehem” – Dewar/Forrest

“Carol of the Kings” – arr. Vader/Rouse

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” – IJames
*Doxology.....No. 95

*Offertory PrayerRev. Brian Johnston

“Silent Night” – arr. Forrest

“Rejoice! Christ is Born” – arr. Martin

“Sing Gloria!” – arr. Rouse/Kirkland

*Hymn of Commitment.....No. 234
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vv. 1, 3, & 6)

*Cross and the Light of the World

*Benediction.....Rev. Andy Stoddard

* Please stand as you are able

Special Thanks to:

Flute	Marcia Cochran, Teresa Laney
Clarinet	Sherry Brown, Rachel Jenkins
Oboe	Stephanie Godfrey
Percussion	Jay McArthur
Pianist	Allen Hart
Organist	Frank Laney
Sound	Randy Young

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birthday of Kathy Lee by Danny Lee.

Poinsettias given in honor of...

- Estelle Blackwell** from Marcia, Andy, Sarah and Joseph
Estelle Blackwell from Donna Myers
Reed Perrett, Mary Elizabeth Yow & Caroline Byrd from Elizabeth and Danny Perrett
Meagan, Layne and Aden Cannada, Pam and Jay’s daughter and family from Pam & Jay Jeffries
Vincent Caracci from Denise Caracci
Tommy Casteel from Steve and Cindy Casteel
St. Matthews UMC Choir from Denise Caracci
Marc, Karen, Kennedy and Avery Claire Corkern, Pam and Jay’s daughter and family from Pam & Jay Jeffries
Martha Currie from Martie Currie and Bert Currie
Bert and Martie Currie from Martha Currie
Katie Margaret, Chris, Greyson, Enoch, Carter and Ellie from Jane Leech
United Women in Faith from Denise Caracci
Ms. Brenda Fendley (Sunday Nursery and Weekday) from Dorothy P. Bell
Our Grandchildren from Thais and Jim Walden
My grandchildren from Kay Varner
Bill Gressett, my loving husband from Mary Gressett
Holly Ware, Rhysanne & Corley Hedgepeth and Jase Gordon (Our Grandchildren)
from Catherine and Mitchell Hedgepeth
Ken and Tommie Howie from Stephanie Yow
Bill Rigby and Ginny & Dusty Ivy from Margaret Snider
Martha Johnson from Parks Johnson
Becky Julkenbeck from Keith and Kelly Julkenbeck
Alison McDaniel from Amy Smith
Walterine McKay from Kevin and Virginia Widup
St. Matthews UMC Children’s Ministry from Denise Caracci
St. Matthews UMC Music Ministry from Tim Rigby
Sam Morris from Judy Morris
Donna Myers from Katie Lyles
The Sweet Ladies of the Pillowcase Pals from Kathy Helstrom
Isabella Ragazzi (graduating December – USM) from Melissa Ragazzi
Tim Rigby from Joyce Titus
Gwen Ross from Margaret Snider
St. Matthews UMC Church Staff from Ellen Axtell
Andy and Holly Stoddard from Bob and Joanne Mock
Our sisters from Thais and Jim Walden
Joyce Titus from Lydia Burton
Pat and Jerry Traylor from Marcia, Andy, Sarah and Joseph
Wednesday Night Volunteers from John and Kay Dawson
Melanie Whittington from Melissa Ragazzi
Sherribeth Wright from Will Hobby
Laurel and Fletcher Ziegler from Brett and Jennifer Sloan Ziegler
“Tia and Toto” – Jamie and Joshua Ziegler from Laurel and Fletcher Ziegler
Lili Hobby from Will Hobby



Poinsettias given in memory of...

- Bob Axtell** from Ellen Axtell
- Mr. & Mrs. Homer Aldridge and Donnie Aldridge** from Mel and Lisa Campbell
- J. Paul Berry** from Mom and Dad (Jim and Barbara Berry)
- Marye Berry** from Barbara Conway
- Madelyn Blackwell** from Estelle, Marcia, Andy, Sarah and Joseph
- Earl Blackwell** from Estelle, Marcia, Andy, Sarah and Joseph
- Ruby Elliot and Ann Boggan** from Ross and Mary Ann Elliot
- James and Hilda Bolden** from Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bolen
- Frank Bonner, Sr. and Louise Trest** from Zach, Casey, James and Alice Famer
- Dr. and Mrs. William Bowlus** from Catherine and Mitchell Hedgepeth
- Bill Brumfield** from Will Bardwell
- Elton and Juliette Brown** from Thais and Jim Walden
- Joann Britt** from Debbie Wells
- Mary Bussard (mother of Kareen Deweese)** from Kareen Deweese
- Ed Blurton and Jeremy Blurton** from Kay Varner
- Vic and Joyce Caracci** from Denise Caracci
- Laura Cove** from Bill and Melissa Clayton
- Bert Currie, Sr** from Martie Currie and Bert Currie
- Annie Laura Fraley** from Marsha Bond
- Hollis & Harriet Fraiser and Eula Little** from John and Peggy Fraiser
- James A. & Doris Fulghum and Shirley Casteel** from Steve and Cindy Casteel
- Patty Freeman** from Amy Smith
- Patty Freeman** from her daughter, Alison McDaniel and family
- Hazel Gafford (Amy’s Grandmother)** from Amy and Tim Balducci
- Dorothy Gong** from The Gongs
- Jimmy Hannis** from Joel and Beth Little
- Jim Harper** from Jynger Morris
- Dottie Sue Harrison** from Drew Howard
- Reverend and Mrs. H.J. Hedgepeth** from Catherine and Mitchell Hedgepeth
- Jim and Roseann Jeffries (Jay’s parents)** from Pam and Jay Jeffries
- Sarah and Edgar Leon from** Andy and Holly Stoddard

- Steve Leech** from Jane Leech
- Jan Little** from Joel and Beth Little
- Harold and Charmian Magruder (Pam’s parents)** from Pam and Jay Jeffries
- Ruby Moss** from Brian and Jennifer Byrd
- Maxine Stoddard** from Andy and Holly Stoddard
- Bunni Rollins and Don McNeely** from Gwen Howard
- Rev. Dr. Sam O. Morris III** from Sam and Elinor Morris
- Betty Dawson and Sue Murff** from John and Kay Dawson
- Bobby Ouellette** from Denice Carracci
- Paul and Mary Ouellette** from Denice Carracci
- Steve Parker** from Maynor, Laura, Gabriel and Allegra
- Octavia H. Perry** from Dorothy P. Bell
- Peggy Peterson** from The David Webb Family
- Fred G. Ray** from Martha Ray
- Rev. C.H. Rasberry** from Sandra Rasberry
- Gary Sexton and Kay Rawls** from Bob and Joanne Mock
- D.J. Roberts** from Nora Roberts
- Robert H. and Jean Rigby** from Tim Rigby
- Courtney Adele Schloemer** from Brack, Kaye, Charlie, Callie, Julia and Ben Schloemer
- Barbara Fuller and Pete Scrivner** from Keith and Kelly Julkenbeck
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Colvin and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stewart (Our parents)** from Charles and Wendy Stewart
- Fred Titus** from Joyce Titus
- Mavis Tatum** from Melissa Ragazzi
- Betty Tatum** from Tammy Wellington
- George Tatum** from Tammy Wellington
- Jack Woo** from Sam and Elinor Morris
- Don Varner, DVM** from Kay Varner
- Bernice and Ray Widup** from Kevin and Virginia Widup
- Leonard and Mildred Walden** from Thais and Jim Walden
- Pete and Margaret Walker** from Becky Knighton
- Rosalind Wellington** from Larry Wellington
- Mike Womack** from Dusty Womack