



January 11, 2026 Worship • 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

St. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WISDOM AND TRUTH TOUCH OUR HEARTS AND OPEN OUR MINDS
WHEN WE OPEN OURSELVES TO CHRIST.

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Dave Howland

† CALL TO
WORSHIP

God says:
Look! See my chosen servant,
the One in whom I utterly delight;
**I have placed my Spirit on him,
he will bring true justice to the nations.**

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up,
and Spirit came down like a dove;
and there was a voice from heaven saying:
**"This is my dearly loved Son,
with whom I am delighted."**

The joy of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

† HYMN
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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

† AFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

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.**

† GLORIA PATRI
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Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER
AND THE LORD'S
PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen**

(11:00) CHILDREN'S
MOMENT

OFFERTORY

(8:30) Organ Voluntary

(11:00) Sanctuary Choir

Ave Verum

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Come to the Water

arr. Jack Shrader

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
And let all who seek, let them come to the water...
And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord;
All who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord;
Bring the children without might.
East the load and light: come to the Lord, the Lord.

† DOXOLOGY
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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† PRAYER OF
THANKSGIVING

† HYMN
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Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

† SCRIPTURE
LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9 (NIV)

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

²He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

⁵This is what God the Lord says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in
darkness.

⁸"I am the Lord; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Rev. Adam Sparks

SERVANTS OF THE LORD

REAFFIRMATION
OF THE BAPTISMAL
COVENANT

BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV
United Methodist Hymnal, page 50

WESLEY'S
COVENANT
PRAYER

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

HYMN
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Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING
VOLUNTARY

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Mary McDonald

As you are able, please stand.

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ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH extends a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ to all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest this morning, we are grateful for the opportunity to worship with you and hope you will return often.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! — Our weekly evening of food, fellowship and faith begins with dinner at 5:00 p.m.—this week featuring barbequed chicken, pork and beans, California vegetable medley, slaw and dessert. Prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students, and a family maximum of \$25.00.

PREVIOUS SERMONS AND WORSHIP SERVICES — Looking to revisit Pastor Adam's Sunday messages? You can download and print full manuscripts of his sermons. Visit <https://stmumcpastor.substack.com/> to access the latest teachings. Watch previous worship services on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/St.MatthewsUMCLouisville>) or on YouTube (www.youtube.com/@st.matthewsumclouisville).

LADIES OF THE CHURCH, YOU ARE INVITED — The January unit meeting of United Women in Faith at SMUMC will be a social outing/luncheon on January 22, 2026, at 11:30 a.m., at the Corner Café, located at 9307 New LaGrange Road. Please RSVP to Debby Mercer at 502-550-3699.

FRANK KRAUSE RECEPTION — We invite you to join us on Sunday, January 25, from 9:30–10:30 a.m. in Wesley Café as we honor and give thanks for Frank's many years of service at SMUMC.

Our MISSION is to strengthen Christian faith and service through our ministries, worship, and programs, calling all people to seek God, share the Gospel, and serve their neighbors.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters (8:30)	Connie Mele, Mitch Powers
Greeters (11:00)	Diane Koprowski, Nancy Gray
Liturgist (8:30)	Aaron Weaver
Liturgist (11:00)	David O'Bryan
Collection Steward (8:30)	Russell East
Collection Steward (11:00)	Becky Hall

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Adam Sparks	Senior Pastor
Rev. Renee Jennings	Associate Pastor
Rev. Maikel Rojas	Associate Pastor
Harrison Zoercher	Director of Discipleship & Missions; Organist
Shannon Seidt	Director of Children's Ministries
Aaron Weaver	Director of Music Ministries
Amber Jenkins	Youth Minister
Sandy Hottell	Administrator/Financial Secretary
Allyson McCormick	Nursery Coordinator

IN OUR PRAYERS

Roger Barron
Charlie Boyette
Barbara Brock
Russell Browder
Jeff Buechlein
Dude Cahall
Holly Cahall
Gary Chapman
The Cox Family
Pam Cox
Family of Brian Elliott

Corky Hall
Suzanne Hartman
Lois Hatter
Kristie Jones
Jim Meador
Stephanie Miller
John Sheesley
Kathy Sherman
Mark Shields
Scott Simpson
Ralph Snowberger

Joy Wells-Collis
Bill Wild
Alice Williams
Joyce Young

Senior/Assisted Living, or Rehab

Geneva Madden
Dennis Miller
Hans Young

You may make a prayer request by phoning the church office, by email at prayers@saintmatthewsumc.org, or on the church website: www.stmatthewsmethodist.com. Please note that prayer requests normally remain on the prayer list for a period of one month.

Thank you for remembering to silence your cell phone as you entered the sanctuary.



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GROW - PRAY - STUDY

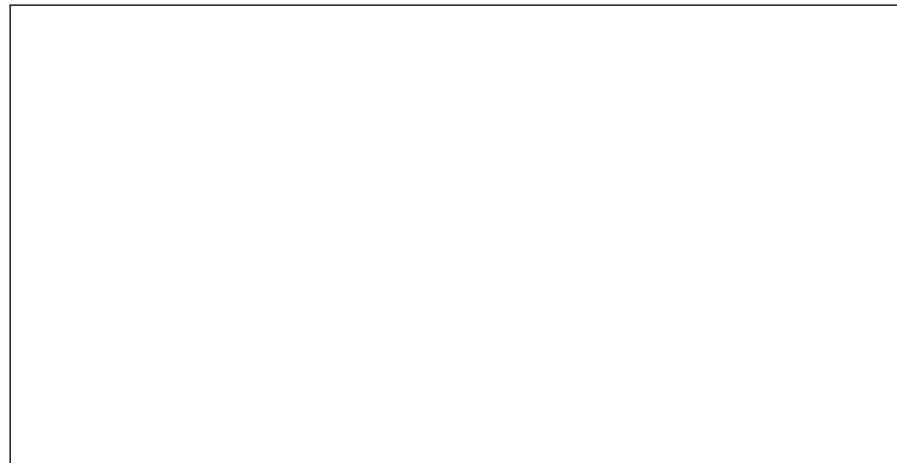
SERVANTS OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-9

1. We are called to _____.
2. We receive our _____ and _____ from God.
3. We follow Jesus in working for _____ in the world.

For Reflection and Prayer

The New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Oswalt) explains, "God's answer to the oppressors of the world is not more oppression, nor is his answer to arrogance more arrogance; rather in quietness, humility, and simplicity, he will take all the evil into himself and return only grace. That is power." In what specific situation is God inviting you to follow the way of quietness, humility, simplicity, and grace?



Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Isaiah 42:1-9
Monday:	Isaiah 49:1-7
Tuesday:	Isaiah 50:1-9
Wednesday:	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Thursday:	Matthew 12:15-21
Friday:	Luke 22:24-27
Saturday:	Galatians 5:13-15

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEWS

Sunday, January 11

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	8:30A
Sunday School for All Ages	10:00A
River City Worship, Gordon Hall	10:45A
Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	11:00A
TDA Worship (Español), Gordon Hall	1:30P
Girl Scouts, 109	2:00P
Youth Group dinner & activities	5:15P

Monday, January 12

Quilted Memories, 204	11:30A
Silver Notes Rehearsal, Music Suite	12:30P

Tuesday, January 13

Gentle/Chair Yoga, 109	1:00P
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Wednesday, January 14

Morning Prayers, 218	8:30A
St. Matthews Ringers, Music Suite	4:30P
Wednesday Night Live! Dinner, Gordon Hall	5:00P
Children's Choir, 105	6:15P
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite	7:00P

Thursday, January 15

St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce, 204	8:00A
Diabetes Support Group, 218	6:15P

Friday, January 16

Morning Men's Group, Heine Bros. Hikes Point	7:30A
TDA Praise Team Rehearsal, Gordon Hall	7:00P

Saturday, January 17

No Events

Sunday, January 18

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	8:30A
Sunday School for All Ages	10:00A
River City Worship, Gordon Hall	10:45A
Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	11:00A
"Sisters" Prayer Group, 102	1:00P
TDA Worship (Español), Gordon Hall	1:30P
Youth Group dinner & activities	5:15P