

9:00 am –9:45 am

The Branch Worship
in the Family Life Center

10:00 am -10:45 am

Sunday School for all

11:00 am -12:00 pm

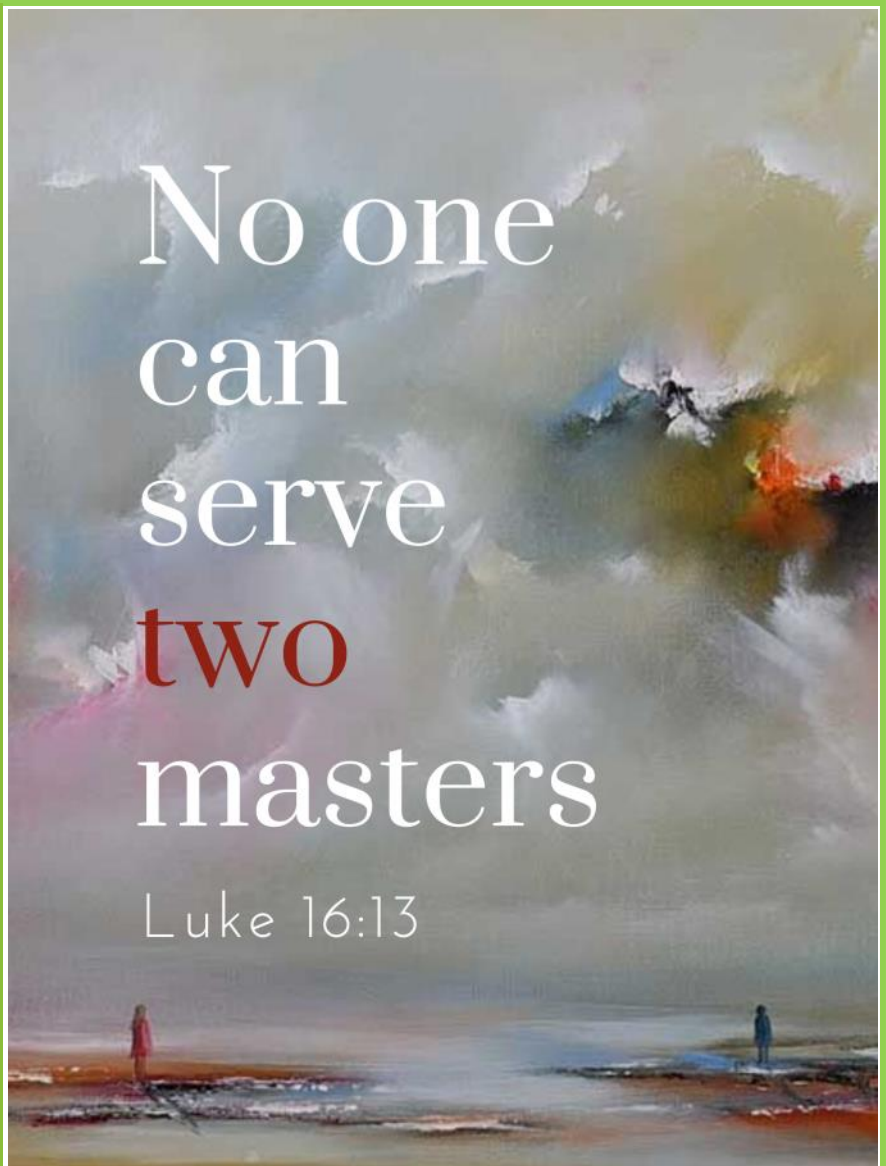
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

Welcome!

We're glad you are worshipping with us. A special welcome to our first time guests. We trust you will feel the presence of God among us and hope you will want to worship with us again soon. For any questions about becoming a part of the life and work of St. Matthew, please speak with one of the pastors. We think you'll find St. Matthew a friendly place to make your church home.

Our Mission

To build life-changing relationships with God, one another, and our community.



No one can serve two masters

Luke 16:13

Sunday, September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

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Unloading begins at **1 pm on September 25**, in front of the church. Unloading is for people of all physical conditions! We will find something for you to do even if you are unable to handle pumpkins. If you would like to have the pumpkin 101 class, all about selling pumpkins, contact Marnie Cree at marniecree@bellsouth.net



Mondays from 1 -3
Wednesday from 2-4
Sarah and Don Smith
and Elizabeth Derby

PUMPKIN TSHIRT ORDERS

You can still order a t-shirt, but they will arrive after September 25th (the first pumpkin unloading). Shirts are \$12 .



The Board of Trustees invites all church members who are willing and able to join in for a morning of exercise and community as we tackle several campus improvements and maintenance projects.

November 5th, 10 am - 1 pm

Sign up will be coming soon for the following teams:

- Small retaining Wall Construction - team leader Drake Moyd
- Boiler Room Clean Up - team leader Jim Hopple
- Pumpkin Patch Clean Up - team leader Marnie Cree
 - Parsonage Plantings - team leader Jason Cormey -
- Campus Beautification – St. Matt Garden Group



9:00 am Order of Worship

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

Prayers

To ensure your prayer requests are received accurately, please text joys or concerns to (775) 572-9651

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.

Scripture Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sermon

Closing Worship Song

Dismissal & Blessing

The Branch is a family-friendly service. Children's packets are available at the welcome table. All papers, stickers & pipe cleaners may be taken home. Please return the folders back to the table at the end of the service. A nursery for infants-K4 is available starting at 8:45 am on Sunday mornings.

11:00 am Order of Worship

Gathering & Praise

**Congregation stands, as able*

Text joys and concerns (775) 572-9651

Prelude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

We enter the Sanctuary preparing our hearts for worship.

Greetings & Announcements

Kurt McPherson

*Passing of the Peace

*(At this time, you are invited to rise and greet those seated near you, with either this exchange, "The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you,**" or some other.)*

*Chiming of the Hour

*Processional Hymn

I Surrender All

UMH 354

*Call to Worship (Unison)

Bartley Sides

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

People: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

People: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

Liturgist: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

People: We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

People: We are here to worship with all that we are.

Gloria Patri

UMH 70

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.

Listening for the Word of God

Let the Children Come

Chrisie Reeves-Pendergrass

*After the children's moment, children ages K4-2nd grade may go to the back of the Sanctuary to be led to Children's church. **If this is your child's first time** in Children's Church, please walk them to the Sanctuary Entrance. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.*

Hymn of Preparation

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399

Psalter

Psalm 4

UMH 741

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Bartley Sides

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Chrisie Reeves-Pendergrass

***Affirmation of Faith**

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Trad)

UMH 881

Responding to God’s Word

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Text joys and concerns (775) 572-9651

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (*Unison*)

Chrisie Reeves-Pendergrass

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.

The Offering (*In addition to giving your offering as the plates are passed, you may text the word GIVE to 864-659-1812, or give online at StMatthewUMC.net. As a part of your Offering, please pass the Pew Pads to register your attendance at this time.*)

Offertory

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me (Pilot)

David Paxton

***The Doxology**

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Chrisie Reeves-Pendergrass

***Closing Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Lead On, O King Eternal (Lancashire)

Lani Smith

(Children’s activity folders are available in baskets at the side doors of the Sanctuary)

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Organist: Keith Wannamaker

Liturgist: Bartley Sides

Crucifer: Caroline Powers

Acolyte: Grayson Thomas, Charlotte Shew

Children’s Church Adult Helper: Stacey Thomas

Children’s Church Youth Helper: Landon Thomas

Ushers: Doug Webb, Mike Shull, and Bartley Sides

Greeters: Growing in Faith Class

11:00 am Scripture

Luke 16:1-13

¹ Jesus told this story to his disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money. ² So the employer called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.'

³ "The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg. ⁴ Ah, I know how to ensure that I'll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.'

⁵ "So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?' ⁶ The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.'

⁷ "'And how much do you owe my employer?' he asked the next man. 'I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,' was the reply. 'Here,' the manager said, 'take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.'

⁸ "The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. ⁹ Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.[c]

¹⁰ "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. ¹¹ And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? ¹² And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

¹³ "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

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FALL ADULTS SOCIAL

NOV 5 | 6:30-9:30 PM

JENNY & CLAY LITTLE'S
714 PARKINS MILL ROAD
GREENVILLE, SC 29607

SAVE
THE
DATE!

*Stay tuned for more details and
RSVP info coming in September*



Trunk or Treat
All are invited!

Sunday, Oct. 30
at the pumpkin patch
4:00-6:00 pm



North Carolina
Arboretum

Saturday,
September 24,
9am-1pm

100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way Asheville, NC

RSVP to Beth Zweigoron: rbzweigoron@gmail.com

Traditional Service Greeter Schedule

Greeters for the Traditional Service will be organized by Sunday school classes. The schedule is as follows:

- 1st Sunday of the month: Aldersgate
- 2nd Sunday of the month: Trinity
- 3rd Sunday of the month: Growing in Faith
- 4th Sunday of the month: Faithful Followers
- 5th Sunday (when they occur): Youth



Sign up today for church league basketball
Ages K4-Adult



Kids' QR code
is green and
adult's is black.



FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Last week's prelude, a North German Baroque organ work from about 1650, stands in stark contrast to this Sunday's prelude from 1975. British composer John Rutter (b. 1945), noted as "the most celebrated and successful composer of carols alive today", wrote this bright organ toccata with an unusual meter of 7 beats per measure. Rutter is famous for his large choral works, including Gloria (1974) and Requiem (1985).

Church Calendar

Find the calendar link at the bottom of the homepage:

stmatthewumc.net

Weekly Email

Sign up for weekly updates to stay informed. (Call the church office to receive a paper copy.)

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Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings: stmatthewumc.net/give

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[FALL SMALL GROUPS INTEREST FORM](#)

Please register using the QR code



Women's Study: Get Out of Your Head

Begins Wednesday, September 21st

6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

(You can purchase the STUDY GUIDE on Amazon)

Betrayed With a Kiss: One Pastor's Story of Finding God In the Wake of Sexual Assault and Intimate

Partner Violence - led by Pastor Chrisie (author)

Begins Tuesday, September 20th

6 pm in the Cady Shelter

(You can purchase a copy of the book from Pastor Chrisie, payable to The Advocate)

Bible Study on Matthew - led by Pastor Kurt

Begins Wednesday, September 21st

6 pm in the conference room

SAVE THE DATES!

Pumpkins Arrive!

September 25

SMUMC Tailgate

October 2

Second Pumpkin Unloading

October 9

Trunk or Treat

October 30

Fall Adults Social

November 5

St. Matthew Drive-In Movie Night

November 11