

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

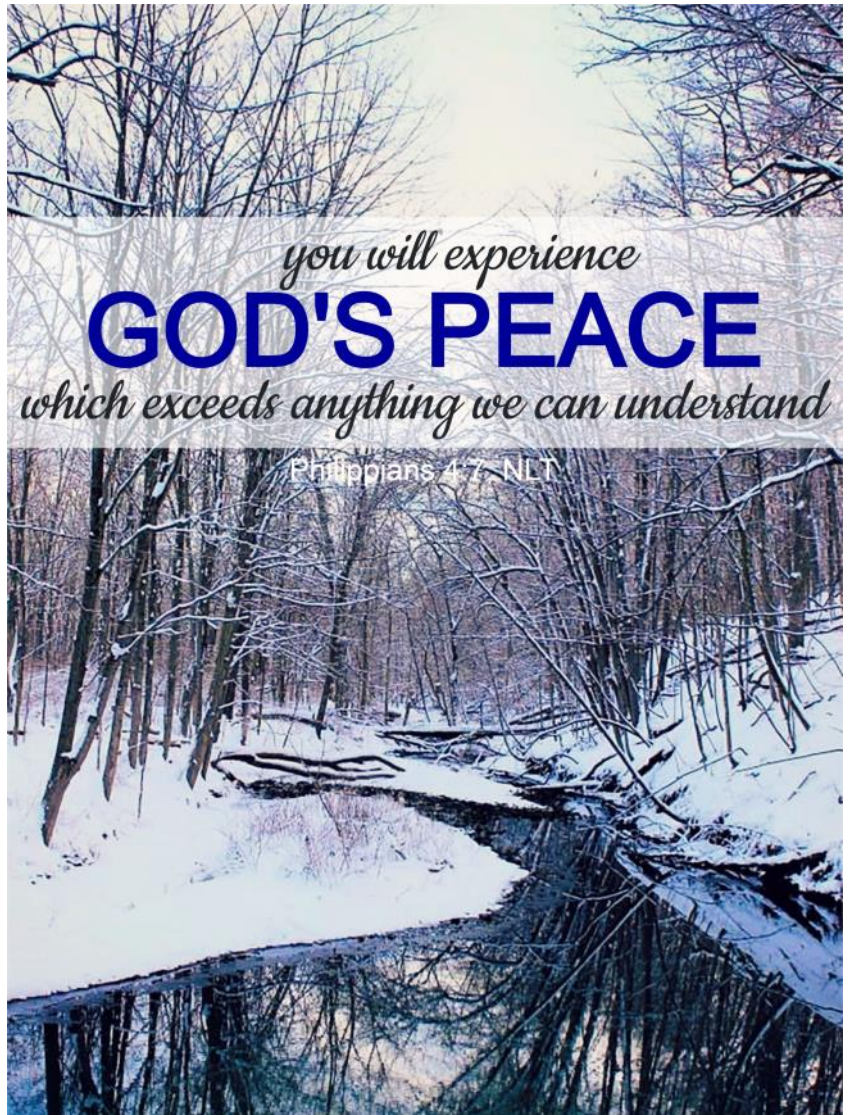
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

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.



Sunday, January 29, 2023

4th Sunday after Epiphany



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



United Ministries is currently in particular need of these items:

Hearty Soups, Canned Meats, Bottled Water, Adult Sanitary Products (Poise, Depends), Children's Diapers in larger sizes (4-6), Rice & Jelly

Bring your items to the Narthex until Feb. 12th.
Contact Lynn Spicher or Blake Brookshire
if you have questions

Cari Treece has finally found her new home and will be moving in this weekend. She would like to share her new address :

540 Cricket Chirp Lane
Elgin, SC 29045

Listening enhancement devices are available at the 11:00am worship service for those with hearing impairment.
Please ask one of our ushers for a device and instructions



Pastor Kurt has started a Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10am in the Conference Room. The Study will focus on the minor prophets



Pastors Kurt and Chrisie will each be leading a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays on Adam Hamilton's book "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws." The studies will be for 5 weeks, beginning on Wednesday, March 1st, in the Conference Room. Pastor Kurt's study will be Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Pastor Chrisie's will be Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. Books will be \$15.

You can sign up for the studies online or by calling the Church Office. On line sign up is located in the eblast.
If you are not receiving the weekly eblast, you can sign up on the web page, or call the Church Office.



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 : Phillipians 4: 1-9

Sermon

Kurt McPherson

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 to the table at the end of the service. A nursery for infants-K4 is available starting at 8:45 am on Sunday mornings.

Offering boxes are on the welcome table.

11:00 am Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude

Loving Spirit

Emma Lou Diemer

Greetings & Announcements

Chrisie Reeves-Pendergrass

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62

***Call to Worship (Unison)**

Bonnie Lynch

Leader: We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

All: We speak different languages and sing different hymns.

Leader: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

**All: Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays,
we become one body, one family in Christ.**

Leader: We join together on one journey,

All: the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.

Leader: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes
and as God's will is done.

**All: Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship
and true communion with God this day. Amen.**

***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.**

Children's Moment

*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.*

***Psalter**

Psalms 15

UMH 747

***Affirmation of Faith**

"Apostles' Creed"

UMH 881

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Text joys and concerns by 11:15 am(775) 572-9651

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

Kurt McPherson

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 *(other options to give: text the word GIVE to 864-659-1812, or online at StMatthewUMC.net.)*

Offertory

Brother James' Air

Dale Wood

*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

Kurt McPherson

*Hymn of Preparation

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4: 1-9

Bonnie Lynch

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What, Me Worry?

Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130

*Benediction

*Postlude

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

James Mansfield

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

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Guest Organist: Julie Florin

Liturgist: Bonnie Lynch

Crucifer: Emily White

Acolytes: Bennett Lynch

Children's Church Adults: Lynn Hopple

Children's Church Youth Helper: Grayson Thomas

Usher: Tom Anderson, Nancy Griffeth

Greeters: Frances, Tyson, Carley, Chase & Grayson

11:00 am Scripture Philippians 4:1-9 (NLT)

4 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work.

Words of Encouragement

2 Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. 3 And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! 5 Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. 9 Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

St. Matthew Happenings

Join us at noon today for the St. Matthew Annual Chili Cook Off. Only \$10 gets you all the chili tasting and dessert eating you can handle!



PickleBall ST. MATTHEW



Pickleball continues in the Gym Mondays from 1 to 3pm and Wednesdays from 2 to 4pm. We now have 3 couples serving as coordinators. We welcome Donna and Kevin Brown, who will help coordinate the program with Don & Sarah Smith, and Johanna & Gary Silk.

They have learned how to play Pickleball over the past few months, and have become really good!! See you in the Gym!! Come try Pickleball -- It's Fun!!



Adult Children's Church Volunteers are needed. We need two adults each week. Please scan the QR code to volunteer today!!



Sign up for Acolyte or Crucifer!



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.)

stmatthewumc.net

Giving

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

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Please give blood.

Blood Drive Wednesday, February 1st, 9:30am—2:00pm
in the Gym. All donors will receive a \$10 Amazon Gift Card and will be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Clearwater Beach, FL to include travel, hotel, gift card and more!! Make appointment at RedCrossBlood.org, or scan QR code.



PRAYERS AND PRAISES

*Praises for Steve Sherrill as he is doing well and able to return to work as he is able.

*Ethel Sherrill

*Charles Clemmons and his family as they grieve the death of his uncle

SAVE THE DATES!

Blood Drive February 1st

Oyster Roast March 11th

at the Geddie's Home

St. Matthew in the Mountains

March 31st-April 2nd

Vacation Bible School June 19th—22nd