

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

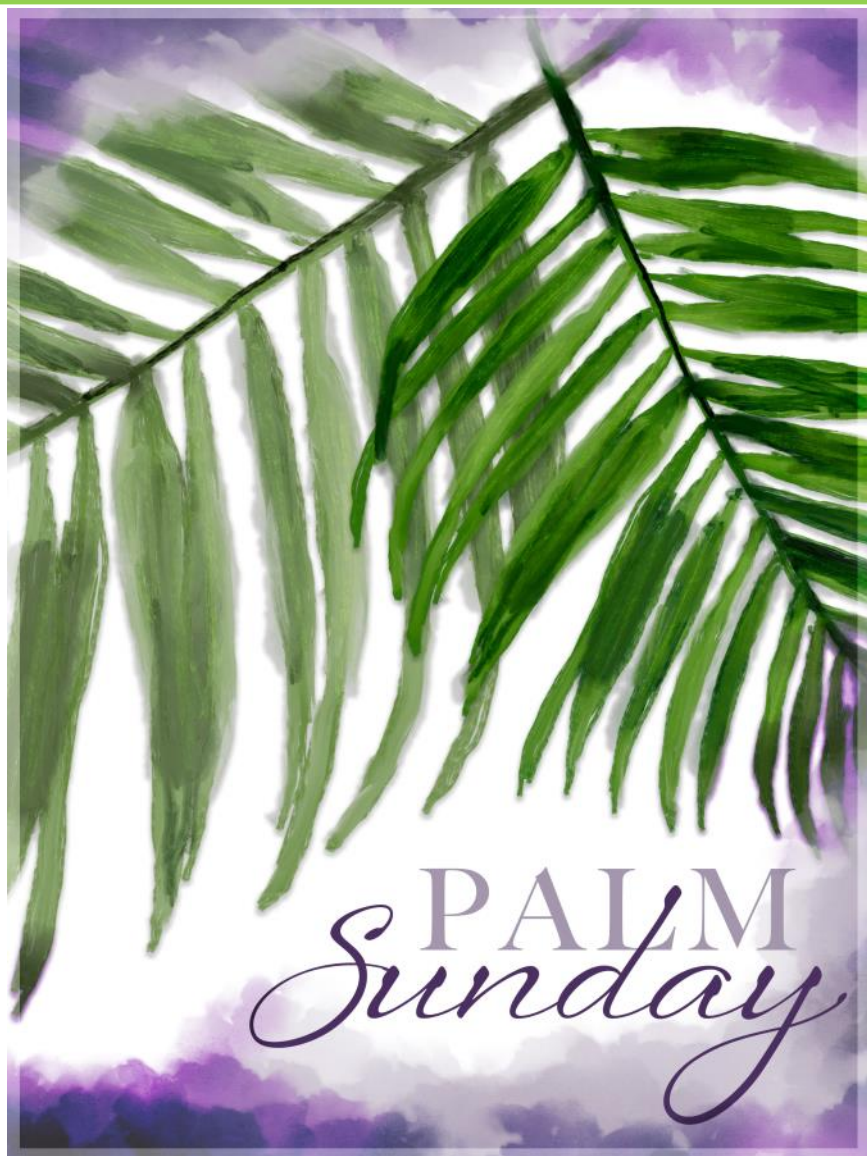
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

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, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



**Be cool.
Give blood.**

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Matthew UMC
701 Cleveland St. – Gym



Wednesday, April 5, 2023
9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

To make an appointment, please scan the QR code on the left or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: **StMatthewUMC**

All donors between April 1-23, 2023, will receive an exclusive Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last!!

 American Red Cross | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

Make Sunday morning MAGICAL!

By volunteering to help out with Children's Church!
Lynn Hopple shares how fun it was to hear the excitement as one of her students told about his adventure to Disney!



Feel like a kid again as you re-live magical experiences as shared by the precious children you serve.

We are always looking for helpers with Children's Church!
No prep needed! If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to serve here, please talk to Pastor Chrisie or call the Church Office.

EASTER IS COMING!

Please bring in a dozen filled Easter eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt to be held Easter morning, April 9th at 10am on the playground behind the church. Eggs may be dropped off in the Narthex or Church Office by Wednesday, April 5th.

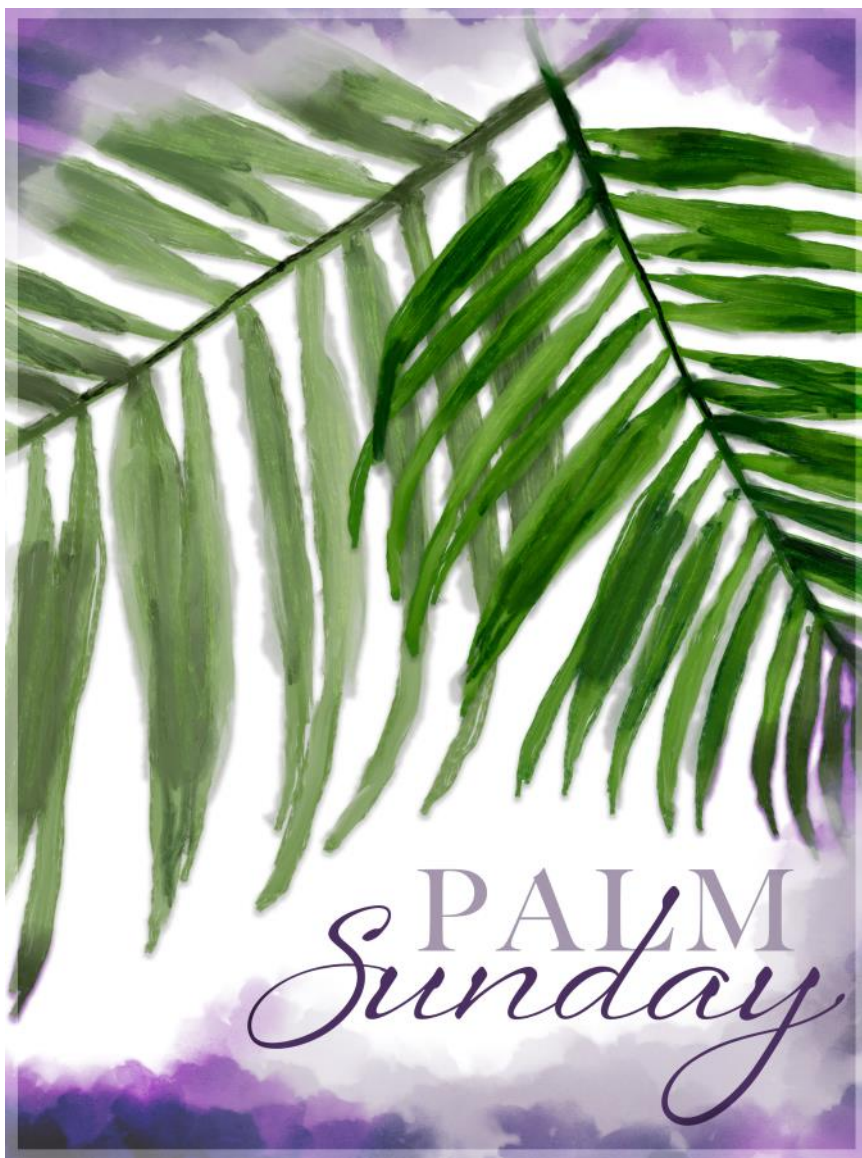
If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Carrington:
jenniecarrington@gmail.com
or 864-630-1698



Or sign up here!
Children's church volunteer sign up QR code



11:00 am Order of Worship
Traditional Service—Palm Sunday April 2, 2023
Let us prepare our hearts for the Easter Season



11:00 am Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude	This is My Father's World	Page
Greetings & Announcements	(Please sign in on the pew pads)	Chrisie Reeves-Pendergrass
*Passing of the Peace		
*Chiming of the Hour		
*Processional Hymn	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	UMH 278
*Call to Worship (Unison)		Bartley Sides
Leader: Hosanna!		
All: Hosanna!		
Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!		
All: Blessed are we, for we have been created by that same God.		
Leader: Blessed is the sound of our voices, lifted up in praise.		
All: Blessed are the hands that clap and strum and pluck, joining together in one glorious Hosanna.		
Leader: Blessed are the bodies that move and wave and march and dance in a tapestry of motion, embodying your love.		
All: Blessed is the breath that enlivens us, animates us, and sustains us in singing our ceaseless praise to you, O God.		
Leader: Hosanna!		
All: Hosanna!		
*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.		
Special Music	In the Name of the Lord	Amy King
*Psalter	Psalm 118	UMH 839
*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 11:10 am(864)643-9968

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

Were You There

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

All Glory, Laud and Honor

UMH 280

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 1-11

Bartley Sides

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Who Is This?

Kurt McPherson

The Lord's Supper

UMH 12

*Closing Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

UMH 160

*Benediction

*Postlude

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Powell

(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: Anita Brown
Liturgist: Bartley Sides
Crucifer: Heather Fine
Acolytes: Chase & Carley Fine

Children's Church Adults: Becky Cormey
Children's Church Youth Helper: Cate Cormey
Usher: Doug Webb, Nancy Griffeth
Greeters: Aldersgate Class

11:00 am Scripture Matthew 21: 1-11 (NLT)

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

21 ¹As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. ²“Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.”

⁴This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

⁵“Tell the people of Jerusalem,^[a]
‘Look, your King is coming to you.
He is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey’s colt.’”^[b]

⁶The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.^[c]

⁸Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

“Praise God^[d] for the Son of David!
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!
Praise God in highest heaven!”^[e]

¹⁰The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked.

¹¹And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

St. Matthew Happenings



Maundy Thursday
Service
April 6th, 7pm



Easter

SUNDAY
SERVICES

Sunrise Service	7 AM
The Branch	9 AM
Traditional Service	11 AM



Looking for donations of household items for the missions fundraiser. We also need able bodies to help move items to the church, and volunteers the day of the sale. Let Chrisie or the church office know if you can help.

ESTATE SALE MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

APRIL 15, 2023 | 8:30 AM TO 2 PM
ST. MATTHEW UMC GYM,
701 CLEVELAND ST, GREENVILLE

Help us raise money to support a family of missionaries moving to Hungary!

Meanderers' Lunch & Gathering

BLOCKHOUSE



Restaurant & Oyster Bar
1619 Augusta Street
April 20, 11:30 am

Great food, conversation & fellowship!!

Contact Betty Davis 854-238-3059
or bettygdavis@charter.net

ACOLYTES

Acolyte and Crucifer sign up QR-code



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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SAVE THE DATES!

Blood Drive April 5th 8am—3pm

Maundy Thursday April 6th 7pm

Office Closed Friday April 7th

Easter Sunrise Service April 9th 7am

Easter Egg Hunt April 9th 10am

Missions Fundraiser April 15th 8:30am—2pm

Meanderers' Luncheon April 20th 11:30 am

Vacation Bible School June 18th-21st

Kick off is Sunday evening, then nightly June 19th-21st

PRAYERS & PRAISES

*Steve and Ethel Sherrill

*Charles Clemmons' father as he recovers from pneumonia

*Jack Griffeth as he recovers from lung surgery

*Katy Sides as she recovers from surgery

*Becky Cline's brother as he recovers from surgery

*Susan White as she has just learned she has breast cancer

*The Pendergrass family as they battle Covid