

**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 worshiping 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.



***Speak,  
for your servant  
is listening***

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



**Save the Date for**  
**St. Matthew in the Mountains 2024!**  
**March 8-10 2024 at Asbury Hills**  
**More information to come**

**Save the Date!**

**St. Matthew  
Annual**

**Oyster Roast  
March 2, 2024**

**Details coming  
soon!**

**Pickleball is back again!**

Pickleball group meets in the gym every  
Monday from 1:00pm—3:00pm

And Wednesdays from 2:00pm—4:00pm

**COME JOIN US!**

## St. Matthew United Methodist Church Blood Drive

**Wednesday, January 31,  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**701 Cleveland St, Greenville, SC  
29601**

**Schedule your appointment  
today!**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
Blood Donor App | Sponsor  
Code: **StMatthewUMC**



*Donate for a chance to win a trip for two  
to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas!*

**VOLUNTEER  
FOR  
CHILDRENS  
CHURCH!**



**No prep needed! Just a heart to  
help with children!**  
**Sign up today by opening the  
volunteer sign up QR code.**





## **9:00 am Order of Worship**

**January 21, 2024**

**Announcements**

**Greeting Time**

**Opening Worship Songs**

**Prayers**

To ensure your prayer requests are received accurately, please text joys or concerns to (864)643-9968

**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 Reading**

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

**Sermon**

When God Speaks

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**

Air from Orchestral Suite #3

Bach

**Greetings & Announcements**

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Janice Hughey

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Processional Hymn**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

**\*Call to Worship (Unison)**

Terhune Sudderth

**All: Sing! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Leader: for “new every morning” mercies, for “what the Lord has done for you!”

**All: Sing! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Leader: for forgiving the sin that only you and God know about,  
for grace that is more than sufficient.

**All: Sing! Sing to the Lord a new Song!**

**For every mountain you brought us over,**

**for hardship you saw us through, our souls sing, “Hallelujah, yes, and 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.*

**Special Music**

Nearer My God to Thee

Jody Webb

**\*Psalter**

Psalm 139

UMH 854

**\*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

Largo

Eccles

### \*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

### \*Hymn of Preparation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

### Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

Terhune Sudderth

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

When God Speaks

Kurt McPherson

### \*Closing Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

Toccata in C Major

Zipoli

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

**The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!**

*Organist:* Charlie Jones

*Liturgist:* Terhune Sudderth

*Acolyte:* Lowry Sides

*Children's Church helpers:* Jennie & Frances Carrington

*Ushers:* Anna Cobb, Doug Webb, Tom McIntyre, Jim Shew

*Greeters:* Growing In Faith Class

# 11:00 am Scripture

## 1 Samuel 3: 1-20 NSRV

### Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

**3** <sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' <sup>[a]</sup> and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, <sup>[b]</sup> and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' <sup>17</sup> Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.



# St. Matthew Happenings

## St. Matthew Gardener's Group



Orchid Show 2024  
Saturday, February 17 9am—1pm  
The World of Energy, Seneca  
7812 Rochester Highway

We will carpool from St. Matthew,  
view the judged orchid show, attend  
a presentation on selection and care  
of orchids and have lunch  
afterwards at the Lighthouse  
restaurant on the shores of  
Lake Keowee.

Please come join us!

RSVP to Beth Zweigoron  
[rbzweigoron@gmail.com](mailto:rbzweigoron@gmail.com)

Our youth had a fantastic time on their annual ski trip to Winterplace, West Virginia. It was a weekend filled with lots of fun, fellowship, faith-building, and SNOW. We had a great group of 27 youth and chaperones who already can't wait for next year!



## Church Calendar

Find the calendar link at the bottom of the homepage:  
[\*stmatthewumc.net\*](http://stmatthewumc.net)

## Weekly Email

Sign up for weekly updates to stay informed. (Call the church office to receive a paper copy.)  
[\*stmatthewumc.net\*](http://stmatthewumc.net)

## Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings: [\*stmatthewumc.net/give\*](http://stmatthewumc.net/give)

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# St. Matthew Happenings

## SAVE THE DATES!

**Blood Drive—January 31st**

**Ash Wednesday Service—Feb 14th 6pm**

**Gardeners Group Orchid Show—Feb 17th**

**Oyster Roast—March 2nd**

**St. Matthew in the Mountains—March 8-10th**

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Prayers for the many members, friends and family battling Covid, flu and other illnesses
- Beth Zweigoron's brand new granddaughter, Effie, is having heart surgery soon
- Debbie Looper as she recovers from surgery and prepares for chemo treatments
- Prayers for unrest in Israel and the Middle East
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine who continue to suffer from attack