

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.



**Jonah arose, and
went unto Nineveh,
according to the
word of the LORD.**

Jonah 3:3, KJV

Sunday, January 28, 2024



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



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
Blood Donor App | Sponsor
Code: **StMatthewUMC**



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



The logo for Vacation Bible School Planning. It is a circular emblem with "Vacation Bible School" written around the top and bottom edges. In the center, the letters "VBS" are large and stylized, with "Planning" written below them in a smaller font.

**YOUR INPUT
IS NEEDED!**

We are trying to get some input for this year's VBS dates. We need to get a feel for how many volunteers we have available this year and would appreciate if you would kindly respond to Janice with your preferred dates. Proposed dates/times are as follows:

June 17th-20th: 9am—12 noon
July 15th-18th: 9am—12 noon
July 22nd-26th: 9am—12 noon

Please let Janice know if you are able to help this year, and your date preference to jhughey@stmatthewumc.net

St. Matthew Basketball Players, Coaches and Families please save the date for Sunday March 3rd at 4:30pm for an ice cream celebration to recognize the hard work of all the players and coaches from this basketball season.



9:00 am Order of Worship

January 28, 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

Jonah 3:1-10

Sermon

Forty Days

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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Haydn/Hustad

Greetings & Announcements

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Janice Hughey

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH 110

***Call to Worship (Unison)**

Bonnie Lynch

Leader: For rebirth and resilience,

All: blessed be God;

Leader: for the spiritually humble,

All: glory to God, hallelujah;

Leader: for all who hunger and thirst for justice,

All: praise him and magnify him forever;

Leader: for all who are banned from speaking the truth,

All: blessed be God;

Leader: for all who triumph over their bitter circumstance,

All: glory to God, hallelujah;

Leader: for all who risk reputation, livelihood, and life itself for Christ's sake and the gospel;

All: all praise and all glory; this is God's kingdom; praise him and love him forever.

***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**

Psalm 111

UMH 832

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

A Quiet Moment

Martin

*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**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

UMH 361

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3: 1-10

Bonnie Lynch

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Forty Days

Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH 348

*Benediction

*Postlude

Ending on a “G”

Martin

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

Organist: Charlie Jones

Liturgist: Bonnie Lynch

Acolyte: Jacob Powers

Children's Church helpers: Jennie & Frances Carrington

Ushers: Anna Cobb, Mike Shull, Tom Anderson, Marc

Murphy

Greeters: Faithful Followers Class

11:00 am Scripture

Jonah 3: 1-10 NSRV

Conversion of Nineveh

3 ¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.'³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

St. Matthew Happenings

COME JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL!

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

And Wednesdays from 2pm—4pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT PICKLEBALL GAME TIME ON JAN 31ST WILL BE FROM 3PM—5PM DUE TO THE BLOOD DRIVE

Do you enjoy a good game of Bridge?

There are a few people in the church who are interested in starting up a Bridge Group. The thought is to meet either at the church, in a group member's home, or at a public place. If you have an interest in fellowshiping with your church family over a game of cards, please contact Charles Hughes at 864-430-5741 or email at charles.hughes5741@att.net

St. Matthew Gardener's Group



Orchid Show 2024

Saturday, February 17th 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



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

Are you ready for a mountain get away where you don't have to do any of the cooking, cleaning, set up, or breakdown and just have the luxury to relax and unwind? Please consider joining your church family at Asbury Hills for either the whole weekend, or just Sunday morning for worship by the lake. Activities will include hiking, campfires, camp style games, relaxing rocking chairs and much more!

All it takes to reserve your spot is \$50 for individual or \$100 for family. Total cost depends on final number you have registering and cost is approximately \$157 per person for cabin camping which includes all your meals and activities, or \$183 per person for hotel style lodging. For more information please contact Janice at jhughey@stmatthewumc.net. Sign up forms to come.

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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St. Matthew Happenings

SAVE THE DATES!

Blood Drive—January 31st

Choir Rehearsal—Wednesday 31st

Ash Wednesday Service—Feb 14th 6pm

Gardeners Group Orchid Show—Feb 17th

Oyster Roast—March 2nd

Basketball Celebration—March 3rd

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

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Debbie Looper for strength through treatments
- Steve Quam for upcoming surgery
- Bob Davis as he is still trying to re-gain his strength
- Pam Worthy as she mourns the loss of her father
- Prayers for unrest in Israel and the Middle East
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine who continue to suffer from attack