

**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.

The hour has come  
for the

SON  
of  
MAN  
to be glorified.

JOHN 12:23, NRSV

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings

**Meanderer's March Luncheon**  
**Thursday March 21st at 11:30**



**Topsy Taco 215 Pelham Rd.**  
**For more information, please**  
**contact Gary and Nancy Groff**  
**at 864-884-4177**

## **Greenville Literacy Association** **Book Drive**

The Greenville Literacy Association has asked if we would assist them in collecting books for their upcoming book sale.

We will have collection boxes in the Narthex and in The Branch for the month of March or you are welcome to bring them by the church office.



GREENVILLE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

**Really Good,  
Really Big,  
Really Cheap  
Book Sale**



**Introducing our 2024 VBS theme!**

**Save the dates!**

**July 22nd-26th from 9am—12pm**

**More information to come**



**It's that time of year again!**

We will start collecting filled eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Collection baskets will be located in The Branch, in the Narthex or you can bring them to the office.



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

**March 17, 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**

John 12:20-33

**Sermon**

Want To Go See Him?

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**

Break, My Heart from The Passion

Handel

**Greetings & Announcements**

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Janice Hughey

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Processional Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62

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

Robert Boggs

Leader: God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are

**All: Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle,**

Leader: but open ourselves to blessing,

**All: through the cleansing depths of repentance**

**and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. 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.*

**Instrumental Meditation**

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Hayes/Gaspard

**\*Psalter**

Psalms 32

UMH 766

**\*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

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

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### \*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

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

### Scripture Reading

John 12: 20-33

Robert Boggs

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Want To Go See Him?

Kurt McPherson

### \*Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

Consolator

Carlson

*(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:* Robert Boggs

*Acolyte:* Marie Brookshire

*Children's Church helpers:* Katy & Lowry Sides

*Ushers:* Jake Fine, Lee Geddie, Jason Lynch, Jim Shew

*Greeters:* Growing In Faith Class

## **11:00 am Scripture John 12:20-33 (NRSV)**

### **Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

### **Jesus Speaks about His Death**

<sup>27</sup> 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people <sup>[a]</sup> to myself.' <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



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Orders for Easter Lilies to be placed In Honor of or In Memory of a loved one, will be collected until March 25th.

Order forms are available in the Narthex, in the church office or on line by scanning the QR code.



I really appreciate St. Matthew's care of children who live in foster care. The charity I run, Fostering Great Ideas, began with an event at the church in 2010 and is now serving 470 children in foster care with meaningful, community-led solutions for the many struggles these children face daily. We are so appreciative of St. Matthew providing our organization mission funds from The World Famous Pumpkin Patch. This week, we received this donation. Thank you to the youth and to all members of a great congregation! Sincerely, David

White at Fostering Great Ideas  
[\(https://fgi4kids.org/\)](https://fgi4kids.org/)

## BLOOD SHORTAGE

Blood donors needed now



## St. Matthew United Methodist Church Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 3,  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

701 Cleveland St,  
Greenville, SC 29601



**Schedule your appointment today!**

Sponsor Code: StMatthewUMC

Give blood from 3/25 to 4/7 for an exclusive **GODZILLA x KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE** and Red Cross shirt!



## Please Join Us for a LUNCH & LEARN



12:00pm - 1:00 pm  
March 20, 2024

St. Matthew UMC - Fellowship Hall  
701 Cleveland Street, Greenville

**Bring a Lunch and Learn About This Month's Topic:**

**Applying to College: A Parent's Workshop**

## 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)*

## Contact Us

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## SAVE THE DATES!

**Meanderer's Luncheon**—March 21st

**Maundy Thursday Service**—March 28th 6pm

**Easter Sunday Services**—March 31st  
7am, 9am & 11am

**Blood Drive**—April 3rd

**VBS**—July 22nd—26th

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Debbie Looper for strength through treatments
- Tami Cardaronella. Please continue prayers for healing
- Becky Cline that doctors can find answers to recent health problems
- Steve & Ethel Sherrill
- Prayers for unrest in Israel and the Middle East
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine who continue to suffer from attack