

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

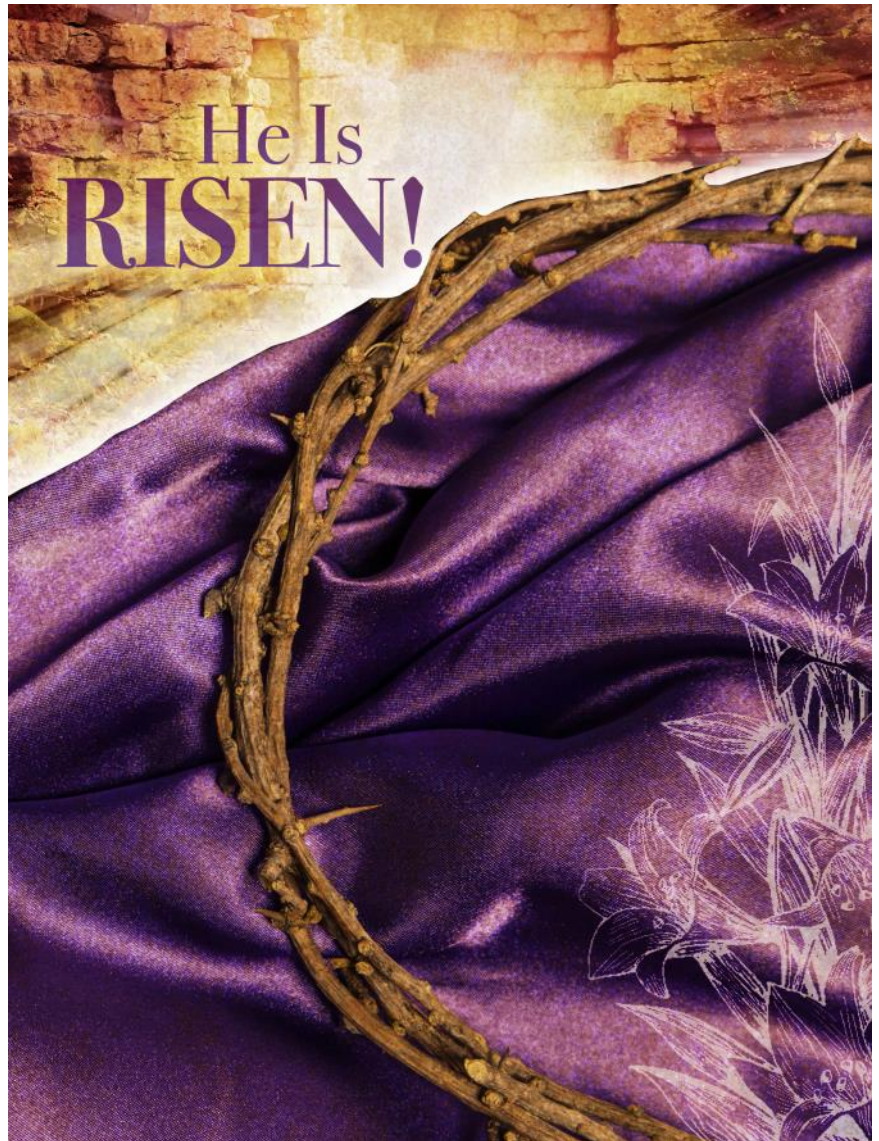
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

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, March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



**A Charge Conference will be held
Tuesday April 2nd at 7:30pm in the
Church Conference Room**



Introducing our 2024 VBS theme!

Save the dates!

July 22nd-25th from 9am—12pm

More information to come

A BIG Thank You!!

We are incredibly grateful for the generous support we received from St. Matthew with Cole's Victory Lap being the recipient of a portion of the pumpkin mission funds this year! This church-wide effort always amazes us! Thank you to everyone who committed your time, energy and money in support of this great mission. We promise to use these funds to make a direct impact on the lives of children fighting cancer in our community. Please know how very thankful we are for the support of St. Matthew in so many ways over the past few years!

With Love,

Clint and Erin
Henderson



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**



9:00 am Order of Worship

March 31, 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 20: 1-18

Sermon

Why Easter Matters

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

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Martin

Greetings & Announcements

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Janice Hughey

*Passing of the Peace

*Chiming of the Hour

*Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302

*Call to Worship (Unison)

Marc Murphy

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death,
And to those in the tombs restoring life!

**All: Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death,
And to those in the tombs restoring life!**

Leader: Alleluia! The risen Christ is with us!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*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

O How I Love Jesus/Go Tell it on the Mountain

Children's Choir

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.*

Anthem

Easter Triumph

Chancel Choir

*Psalter

Psalms 150

UMH 862

*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
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Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer <i>(Unison)</i>	Kurt McPherson
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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	In Thee is Gladness	Manz
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*The Doxology	UMH 95
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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	He Lives	UMH 310
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Scripture Reading	John 20: 1-18	Marc Murphy
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Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon	Why Easter Matters	Kurt McPherson
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*Closing Hymn	Up from the Grave He Arose	UMH 322
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***Benediction**

*Postlude	Gaudeamus Pariter	Biery
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(Children’s activity folders are available in baskets at the side doors of the Sanctuary)

Organist: Charlie Jones

Liturgist: Marc Murphy

Crucifer: Emily White

Acolyte: Jacob Powers, Lowry Sides

Children’s Church helper: Janice Hughey

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

11:00 am Scripture

John 20: 1-18 (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 ¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look [\[a\]](#) into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, [\[b\]](#) 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

St. Matthew Happenings

Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership

NEHEMIAH ACTION

**BETHLEHEM
BAPTIST**
4 HARRISON BRIDGE
RD, SIMPSONVILLE
DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM
PROGRAM BEGINS: 6:30PM

We have joined GOAL! Help support this justice mission by your presence April 15th.
Email Emily O'Brian with any questions.
eobrian831@gmail.com

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!



1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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.



Parents' Night Out

Calling all weary parents!
How about an evening for yourself?

Friday April 5th we will take children 1 Year - 5th grade in the gym from 6:00 - 9:00pm for a night of games, free play, pizza, and good fun. Email Janice for more information and to sign up your child(ren).
jhughey@stmatthewumc.net.

We would welcome donations to help cover cost of pizza and Childcare Workers.

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!

Charge Conference—April 2nd 7:30pm

Parents' Night Out—April 5th

Blood Drive—April 3rd

VBS—July 22nd—26th

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Steve & Ethel Sherrill
- Debbie Looper
- Tami Cardoranella for continued recovery
- Lois Reid and Judi Misner
- Prayers for several members and friends who are battling Covid
- Prayers for our church
- Prayers for Linda Dorsey and family as they grieve the loss of Willard Matthew 'Mickey' Dorsey
- Prayers for unrest in Israel and the Middle East
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine who continue to suffer from attack