

**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 GOOD SHEPHERD  
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE  
FOR THE SHEEP.**

**JOHN 10:11**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings

## Make plans for VBS 2024!

Save the dates!

July 22nd-25th from 9am—12pm

More information to come



JOIN US FOR A LUNCH  
AND LEARN!

SHOULD I DOWNSIZE?  
REAL ESTATE PLANNING



ST. MATTHEW UMC, 701 CLEVELAND STREET

APRIL 24 - NOON - FELLOWSHIP HALL

LED BY ERIC MITCHELL, REALTOR

## APRIL SHOWERS!

We're taking the month of APRIL to  
SHOWER our families with love!

Please take a moment to think about the families you admire and appreciate within our church community. Whether they're the first to lend a helping hand, the ones who always have a smile and a kind word, or those who go above and beyond in their service, we want to hear about them!

Please consider nominating who you believe make St. Matthew shine with their presence, kindness, and dedication. Whether they are new members or have been with us for generations, we want to recognize and celebrate their contributions.

To submit your nominations, simply email [outreachstmatthew@gmail.com](mailto:outreachstmatthew@gmail.com) with the name(s) of the family/families you are nominating and a brief description of why you believe they deserve this special recognition.



## 9:00 am Order of Worship

**April 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**

John 10: 11-18

**Sermon**

The Good Shepherd

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**

Amy King

**Greetings & Announcements**

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Janice Hughey

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Processional Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

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

Bonnie Lynch

Leader: Holy God, author of the Word made flesh,

**All: to whom belongs both the first Word and the last, open us to your Spirit,**

Leader: that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed,

we may be comforted, convinced, and changed

**All: to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

**Gloria 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.*

**Anthem**

How Can I Keep from Singing

Chancel Choir

**\*Psalter**

Psalm 23

UMH 754

**\*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

Amy King

## \*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

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH 128

## Scripture Reading

John 10: 11-18

Bonnie Lynch

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

The Good Shepherd

Kurt McPherson

## \*Closing Hymn

I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH 419

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

Amy King

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

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

*Pianist:* Amy King

*Liturgist:* Bonnie Lynch

*Crucifer:* Emily White

*Acolyte:* Lowry Sides

*Children's Church helpers:* Stacey & Landon Thomas

*Ushers:* Jason Cormey, Tom McIntyre, Don Smith,

Mark Swilley

*Greeters:* Growing in Faith Class

**11:00 am Scripture**  
**John 10: 11-18 (NRSV)**

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes <sup>[a]</sup> it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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**Volunteer for Childrens' Church today!**



CHILDREN  
are not  
a distraction  
from more  
important work.

THEY ARE  
the most  
important work.

-John Trainer

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



Prisma Health is offering a

**“What you need to know about dementia”**  
class series.

This series, presented by The Center for Success in Aging's Memory Health Program staff, provides helpful information to those caring for persons with memory health conditions. Sessions are free and do not require pre registration.

All sessions are from 5:30–7 p.m.

There are two sessions remaining:

Thursday April 25: Behaviors and Strategies

Thursday May 2: Taking Care of You

255 Enterprise Blvd. Conference Room A  
(enter at the white awning entrance)  
Greenville, SC 29615

Please call 864-454-8120 for any questions.

## 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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## SAVE THE DATES!

**Lunch & Learn—April 24th**

**VBS—July 22nd—25th**

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Charlie Jones surgery and recovery
- Pastor Kurt recovery from root canal
- Amy King's father, John Brockwell, and his upcoming surgery consult
- Mike & Debbie Wattenbarger
- Steve & Ethel Sherrill
- Debbie Looper
- Lois Reid
- Marty Brown's mother experiencing health issues
- Bob Davis for healing for his knee
- Prayers for our church
- Prayers for unrest in Israel and the Middle East
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine who continue to suffer from attack