

9:00 am –9:45 am
The Branch Worship
in the Family Life Center

10:00 am -10:45 am
Sunday School for all

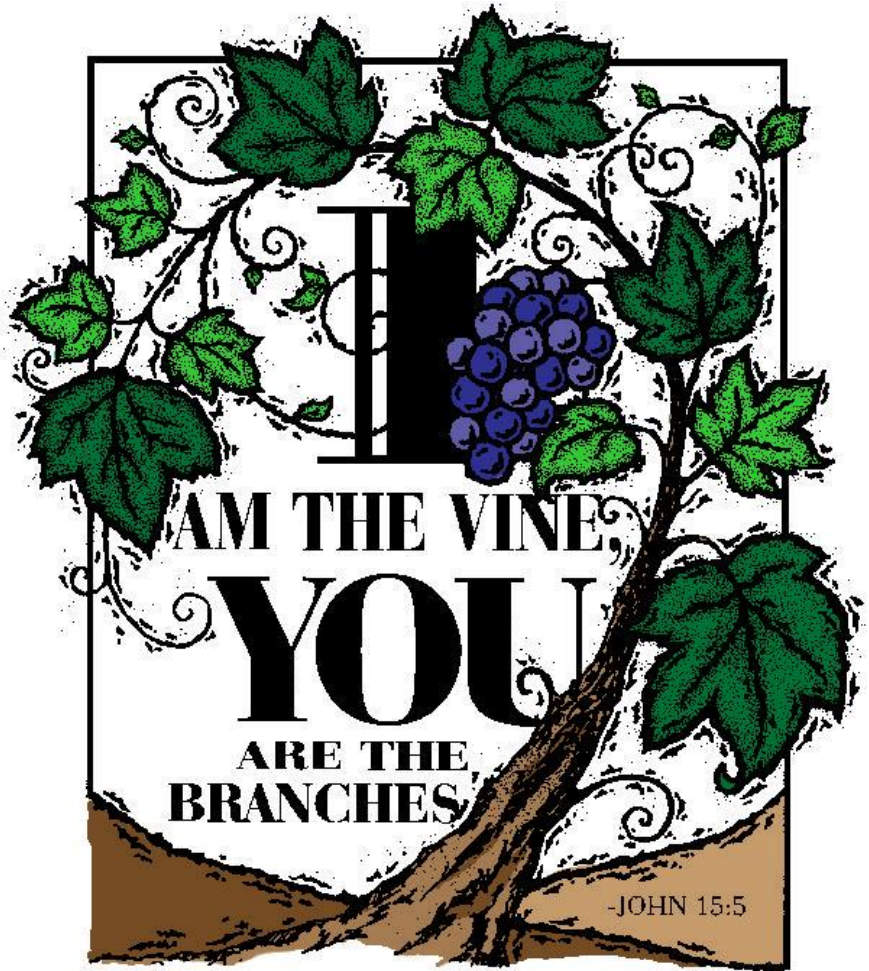
11:00 am -12:00 pm
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

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, April 28, 2024
Fifth 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



GRADUATION SUNDAY
is set for
JUNE 2nd

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.*
Proverbs 16:3

Please let us know of your
graduating students this year
either high school or college



**Please let us know in the office full name
of your graduating student, information
on their plans, and any honors
that you know of.
officeadmin@stmatthewumc.net**

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.**





9:00 am Order of Worship

April 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

Sermon

I Am the True Vine

Janice Hughey

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

Largo from "Xerxes"

George Frideric Handel

Greetings & Announcements

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Janice Hughey

*Passing of the Peace

*Chiming of the Hour

*Processional Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

*Call to Worship (Unison)

Bartley Sides

Leader: God loves us. God cares for us. God blesses us. God tends to us.

All: We are God's precious fruit and faithful seed.

Leader: God hears us. God helps us. God trusts us. God tries us.

All: Sometimes we are more faulty seed than precious fruit.

But, no matter what, we are God's.

*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glorify 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

Amazing Grace

Charlotte Shew, Marie Brookshire

*Psalter

Psalm 80

UMH 801- 802

*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)906-8093

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

Janice Hughey

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

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

*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

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

UMH 402

Scripture Reading

John 15: 1-8

Bartley Sides

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

I Am The True Vine

Janice Hughey

*Closing Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

UMH 397

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata in F Major

Deitrich Buxtehude

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

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Guest Organist: Jon Moyer

Liturgist: Bartley Sides

Acolyte: Frances Carrington

Children's Church helpers: Katy & Lowry Sides

Ushers: Jason Cormey, Tom McIntyre, Don Smith,
Mark Swilley

Greeters: Faithful Followers Class

11:00 am Scripture John 15: 1-8 (NRSV)

Jesus the True Vine

15 ¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes^[a] to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed^[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[c] my disciples.

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**Thursday May 2nd is
National Day of Prayer**

**Please pray for our Church,
our Community, our State and our Nation**

It's a Special Birthday!!

Lois Reid is turning 103 on May 9th and we would like to flood her with Birthday Cards and phone calls!

If you would like to send a card, her address is:

Lois Reid
Cherrydale Acute Care
601 Sulphur Springs Rd. Room 610
Greenville, SC 29617

For phone calls, Lois has a **NEW** phone number:
864-631-1794

Calling all current and prospective Acolytes and Crucifers:

We will be hosting an Acolyte and Crucifer training on May 5th immediately following the 11 am service in the parlor. If you have never served in these roles or are interested in a refresher, especially related to how to help with communion, please make plans to attend. There will be pizza for those who participate. You can begin to serve in this role when you are in 3rd grade.



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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SAVE THE DATES!

Crucifer/Acolyte Training—May 5th

Confirmation Sunday—May 12th

Memorial Day-Office closed—May 29th

Graduation Sunday—June 2nd

VBS—July 22nd—25th

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Charlie Jones surgery and recovery
- Pastor Kurt recovery from tooth infection and upcoming root canal
- Amy King's father, John Brockwell
- 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