

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

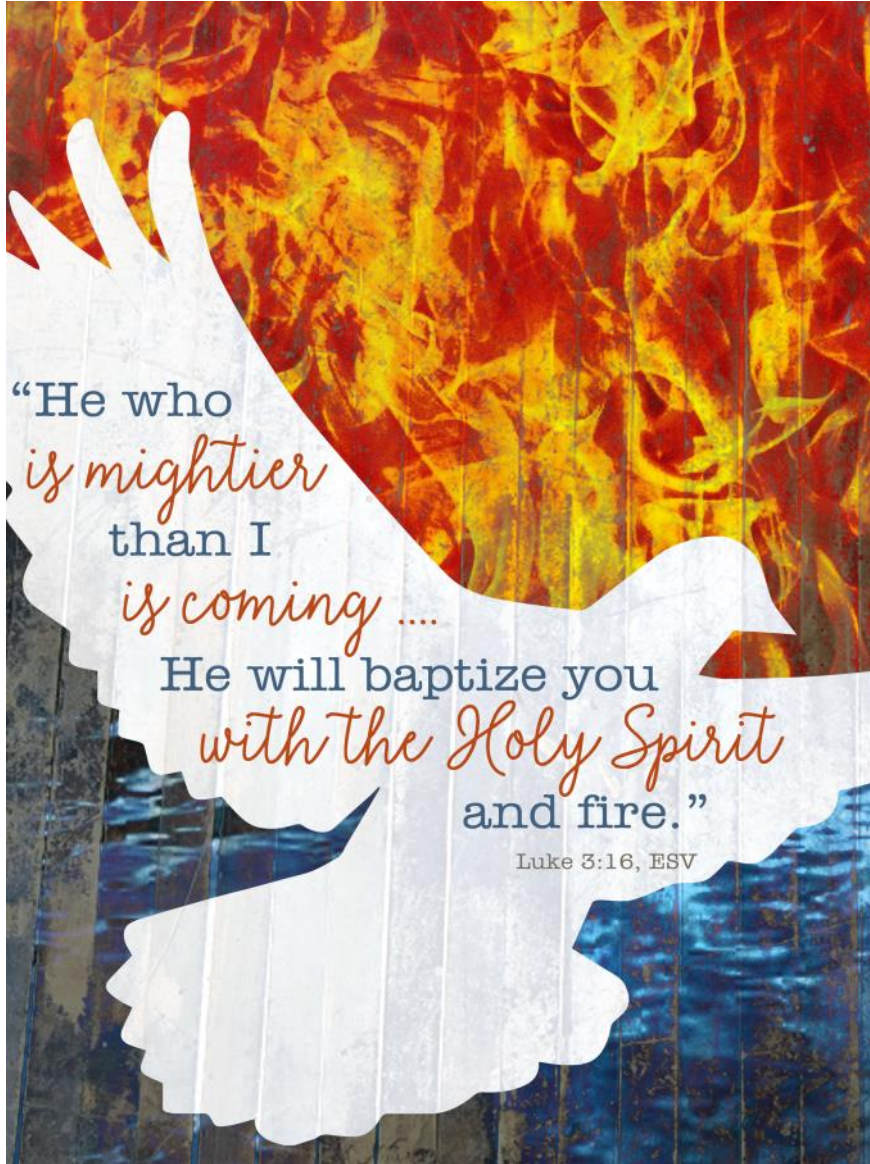
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

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.



“He who
is mightier
than I
is coming
He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit
and fire.”

Luke 3:16, ESV

January 19, 2025



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



Women's Craft Afternoon!

Sunday, Feb 16th

2:00 - 4:00 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Women of ALL ages are invited to come make a pressed-flower dish with pottery artist Abigail Colton.

\$25 per person - bring a friend!

Find the RSVP link at stmatthewumc.net
or text or call Susan White at 864-281-7817



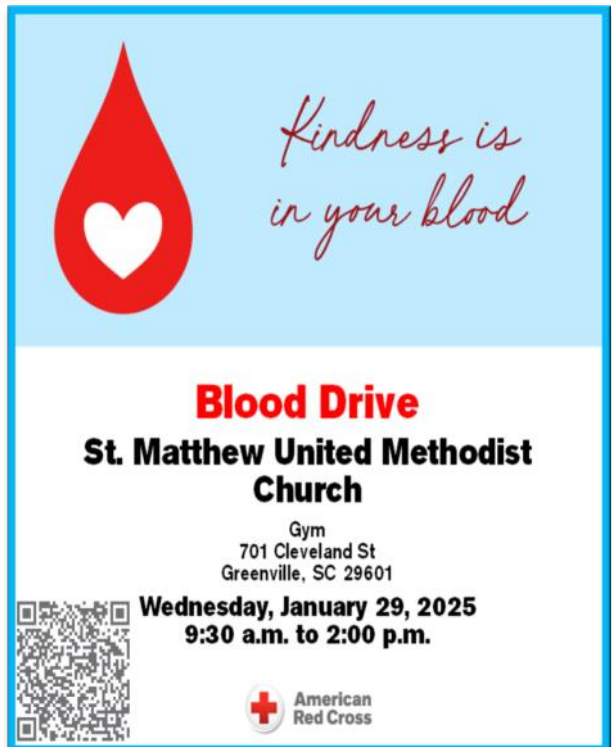
**St. Matthew UMC
Week-day Preschool**

PRESCHOOL ADMISSION

We will now offer a 3 and 5 day a week option for the 2025/2026 school year.

**ENROLLMENT
STARTS THE END
OF JANUARY**

Email Christina Via
cvia@stmatthewumc.net





*Kindness is
in your blood*

Blood Drive

St. Matthew United Methodist Church

Gym
701 Cleveland St
Greenville, SC 29601

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**





9:00 am Order of Worship

January 19, 2025

Announcements

Rev. Janice Hughey

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

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

“There's Something About The Water”

Rev. 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

“Largo”

Weldemar Bargiel

Greetings & Announcements

Rev. Janice Hughey

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH 139

***Call to Worship**

Lindsay Carrington

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

I will be with you.

When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

I will be with you.

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

I will be with you.

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God’s solidarity with us! 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 shall ever be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Rev. Janice Hughey

After the children’s moment, children ages K4-2nd grade may go to Children’s church. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.

Special Music

“Bow the Knee”

Chancel Choir

***Psalter**

Psalm 29

UMH 761

***Affirmation of Faith**

“Apostles’ Creed”

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 10:10 am (864) 643-9968

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

Rev. 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

"St. Cuthbert"

Healey Willan

*The Doxology

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH 577

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Lindsay Carrington

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"There's Something About The Water"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

UMH 50

*Closing Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420

*Benediction

* Postlude

"Postlude"

Leon Boellmann

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Organist: Charlie Jones

Ushers: Anna Cobb, Mike Shull, Bartley Sides, Don Smith

Liturgist: Lindsay Carrington

Greeters: Growing In Faith Class

Acolyte: Andrew Clemmons

Scripture

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize you with ^[a] water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ^[b] ¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹ One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy. ^[a]”

St. Matthew Happenings

SAVE THE DATE

St. Matthew *in the mountains*

April 11-13, 2025



Walking Group

Looking to get some steps in? Join our walking group every Monday at 10 am. Meet us at the Cady Shelter as we walk the Swamp Rabbit Trail together.

COME JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL!

Pickleball group meets in the gym every
Monday from 1:15pm—3pm
And Wednesdays from 2pm—4pm


PickleBall
ST. MATTHEW



ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER
SIGN UP



Sign up to serve for Acolyte
And Crucifer

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!

MLK Day Church Office Closed– Jan 20

Red Cross Blood Drive– January 29

Women's Craft Afternoon– February 16

St. Matthew In The Mountains– April 11-13

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Hilda Collier
- Charles Clemmon's mother Mary
- Pat Wood
- Brenda Barnett
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Amy King's daughter, Victoria
- Prayers for our nation
- Prayers for unrest in the world

