

**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.



**Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.**

**Luke 10:34**

**February 9, 2025**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



**ST. MATTHEW BASKETBALL CELEBRATION**

**Pinata**

Please join us as we celebrate another great basketball season at St. Matthew. We will have an ice cream sundae bar and an opportunity for coaches to introduce their team and players!

 **February 23, 4:30 PM**

 **St. Matthew Church Gym**



WE WANT YOU TO SIGN UP!



**ST MATTHEW**  
SMALL GROUPS



Looking to connect with your St. Matthew family? St. Matthew is excited to launch SMALL GROUPS and we'd like the entire congregation to participate! Scan the QR code for more info. Deadline to sign up is February 19.



*Women's  
Craft  
Afternoon*

**Sunday, Feb 16th**  
2:00 - 4:00 pm

*Women of ALL ages are invited to Women's Craft Afternoon Sunday, Feb 16th 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall*

*Come make a pressed-flower dish with pottery artist Abigail Colton. \$25 per person - bring a friend!*



*Questions? text or call Susan White at 864-281-7817*



# PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**FRIDAY Feb 21 6:00pm-9:00pm**



Parents - enjoy a night out while we take care of your children! RSVP by contacting Janice or the church office. Open to ages 1 year - 6th grade.



## 9:00 am Order of Worship

**February 9, 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**

Mark 4:34; Luke 10:34-35; Luke 15:22-24

**Sermon**

"He Spoke To Them In Parables"

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**

“Prelude on Evan”

Gordan Young

**Greetings & Announcements**

Rev. Janice Hughey

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Processional Hymn**

“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty”

UMH 64

**\*Call to Worship**

Marc Murphy

Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Christ’s call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ’s call together!

**God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! 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**

“How Can I Keep Singing”

Chancel Choir

**\*Psalter**

Psalm 138

UMH 853

**\*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

"Trumpet Tune in C"

Antonio Vivaldi

### \*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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH 139

### Scripture Reading

Mark 4:34; Luke 10:34-35; Luke 15:22-24

Marc Murphy

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

### Sermon

"He Spoke To Them In Parables"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

### \*Closing Hymn

"O How I Love Jesus"

UMH 170

### \*Benediction

### \* Postlude

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Paul Manz

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

Organist: Charlie Jones

Ushers: Doug Webb, Edward Johnson, Jim Shew,

Liturgist: Marc Murphy

Van Thomas

Acolyte: Frances Carrington

Greeters: Trinity Class

Crucifer: Cypriana Brannon

## Scripture

### Mark 4:34; Luke 10:34-35; Luke 15:22-24

<sup>34</sup> In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

<sup>34</sup> Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, [\[a\]](#) telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

<sup>22</sup> "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. <sup>23</sup> And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began

# St. Matthew Happenings

COULD YOU BE  
OUR NEXT  
**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
TEACHER?**

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR  
EMAIL  
OUTREACHSTMATTHEW@GMAIL.COM

**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

We're restarting our Sunday School class for the 20-30 somethings, and we need a leader who can bring the *fun*, the *faith*, and the *enthusiasm* all rolled into one. If you've got the passion to inspire and the energy to keep up, we want YOU to lead the charge! Contact Janice or email [outreachstmatthew@gmail.com](mailto:outreachstmatthew@gmail.com) if this sounds like you!

**TACKLE HUNGER**  
WITH THE  
**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

What if every person watching the Super Bowl donates just \$1 or 1 can of food?

**United Ministries**  
Transforming Lives Together

HEALTHY MEALS  
HAPPY HEARTS

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TACKLE HUNGER  
HAPPY HEARTS

Drop off your canned good items in the Narthex area or in the church office! Current requests– Canned Fruit, Box Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal and Canned Meats.

*Italian  
Garden*  
GREEK & ITALIAN  
*Restaurant*

Meanderers Lunch  
February 20, 11:30 AM  
at the Italian Garden Restaurant  
2716 Wade Hampton Blvd. Greenville 29615  
Please join us for lunch and fellowship  
any questions contact Betsy Boaze 864-313-6654

**YOUNG ADULTS  
BOWLING  
NIGHT OUT**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

Starting at:  
**06:00pm**

**February 21, 2025**

**Bowlero, 740 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville**

St. Matthew invites all young adults (anyone in their 20s & 30s) to join us for a night of bowling - on us! On Friday, February 21, enjoy FREE bowling from 6 pm - 8 pm. Bring a friend, coworker or neighbor with you!  
Questions contact Bartley Sides

[Bartley.sides@gmail.com](mailto:Bartley.sides@gmail.com)

## 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!

**United Ministries Souperbowl of Caring-**

**Donations-** taken until February 9

**Women's Craft Afternoon**– February 16

**Meanderers Lunch**– February 20

**Parents Night Out**– February 21

**Young Adults Bowling Night Out**– Feb 21

**St. Matthew Basketball Celebration**– Feb 23

**St. Matthew In The Mountains**– April 11-13

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Charles Clemmon's mother Mary
- Pat Wood
- Kim Geddie
- Larry Carter, Don & Beth Shoemaker's son-in-law
- Don & Beth Shoemaker's grandson Kyhros
- Eric Mitchell's father
- Paul Thorn's mother
- Kevin and Cathy Harrington
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Prayers for our nation