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 worshiping 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



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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



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.





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! 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

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

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

^{*}The Doxology

Scripture

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

³⁴ 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.

³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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.'

²² "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. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ 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

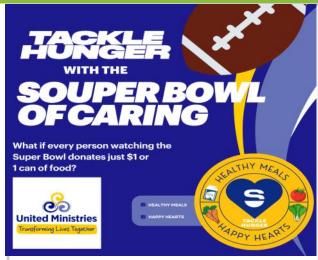
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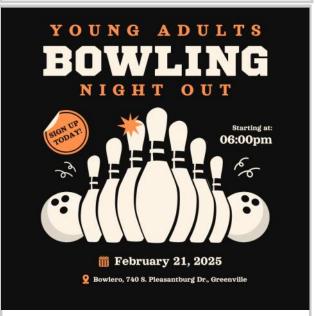
We're restarting our Sunday School class for the 20-30 somethings, and we need a leader who can bring the *fun*, the *faith*, and the *enthusiasm* all rolled into one. If you've got the passion to inspire and the energy to keep up, we want YOU to lead the charge! Contact Janice or email outreachstmatthew@gmail.com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



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



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.



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

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!

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