

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

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

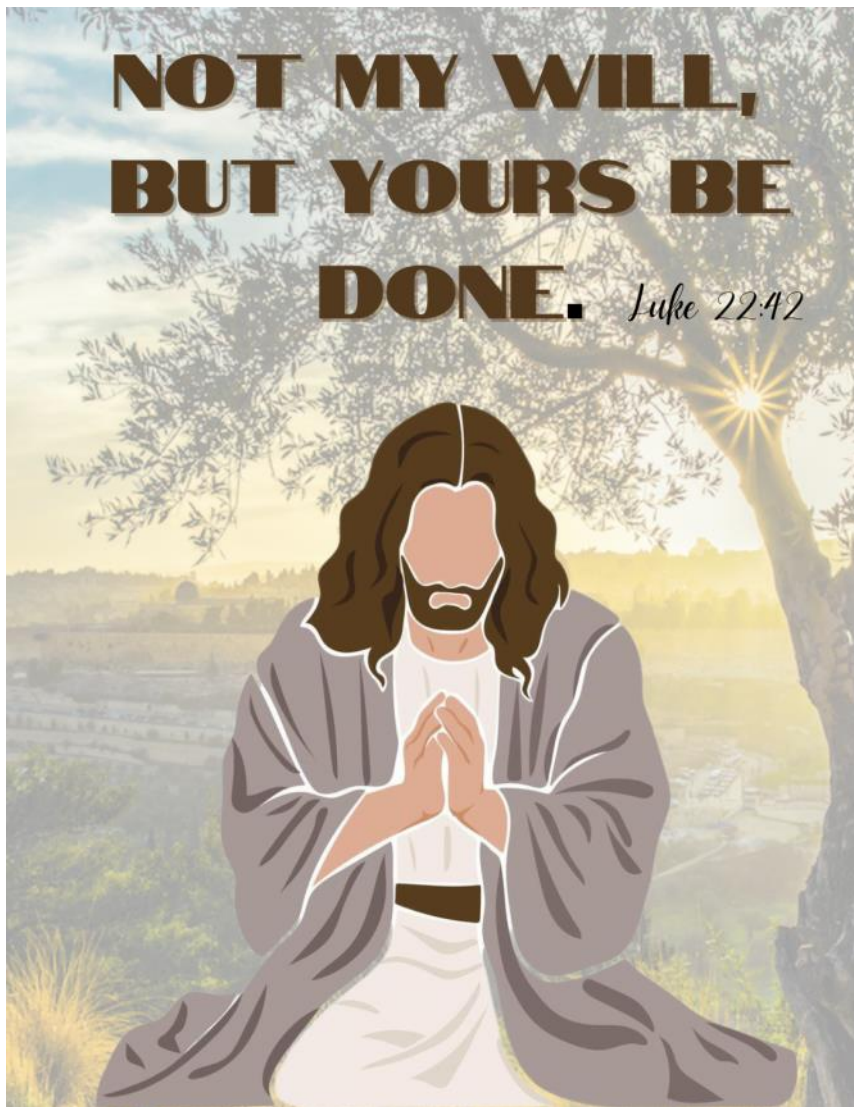
11:00 am -12:00 pm
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

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.



February 23, 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



St. Matthew
in the mountains

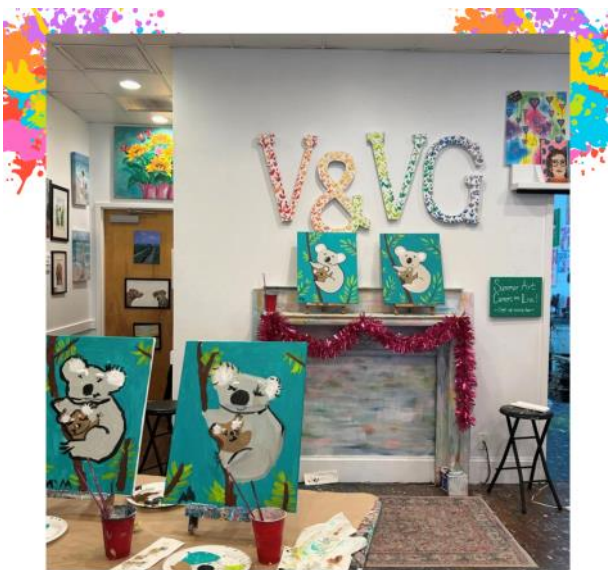


Scan Me!



Sign up for St. Matthew in the Mountains have begun!

The event will be April 11-13. Scan the QR code to sign up today!



Children's Event
ages 4 through 5th grade, come and join us for a painting party at
Vino & Van Gogh.

February 28, at 4 PM

1818 Augusta Street suite 112 Greenville, SC 29605

Cost per child is \$20.00 which includes, instructor, supplies and snack.

Please email Janice at jhughey@stmatthewumc.net

Deadline to sign up is February 24th



**PRESCHOOL
ADMISSION**

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

**ENROLL
NOW**



Email Christina Via

cvia@stmatthewumc.net





9:00 am Order of Worship

February 23, 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 22:39-42

Sermon

"Final Words"

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

“Amazing Grace”

Gordon Young

Greetings & Announcements

Rev. Janice Hughey

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH 89

***Call to Worship**

Lindsay Carrington

Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But who are the others?

Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” But what is mercy?

To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! 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 from Singing?”

Chancel Choir

***Psalter**

Psalm 37:1-11

UMH 772

***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

"Album Leaf"

Gordon Young

***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**

"In the Garden "

UMH 314

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:39-42

Lindsay Carrington

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Final Words"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

UMH 365

***Benediction**

*** Postlude**

"Cortege"

Gordon Young

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Organist: Charlie Jones

Ushers: Doug Webb, Edward Johnson, Jim Shew,

Liturgist: Lindsay Carrington

Van Thomas

Acolyte: Lowry & Emery Sides

Greeters: Faithful Followers Class

Crucifer:

Scripture

Luke 22:39-42

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

³⁹ Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. ⁴⁰ There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation."

⁴¹ He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

St. Matthew Happenings



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

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR
EMAIL
OUTREACHSTMATTHEW@GMAIL.COM



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!



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



Sign up and help with current acolyte and crucifer openings.



COME JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL!

Pickleball group meets in the gym every
Monday from 1:15pm—3pm

And Wednesdays from 2pm—4pm

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!

St. Matthew Basketball Celebration – Today

Children's Painting Event – February 28

Ash Wednesday Service – March 5

Oyster Roast– March 29

St. Matthew In The Mountains – April 11-13

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Charles Clemmon's mother Mary
- Pat Wood
- Larry Carter, Don & Beth Shoemaker's son-in-law
- Abigail Fiske, niece of Patton and Jimmy Fiske
- Merritt Christine Hurd, great niece of Mike & Betty Shull
- Rev. Hughey's son-in-law, Chris
- Eric Mitchell's father
- Paul Thorn's mother
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Prayers for our nation
- Prayers for unrest in the world