

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.



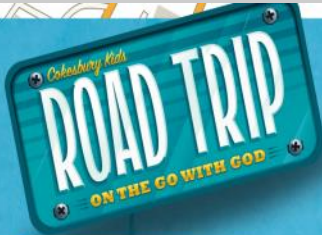
March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



Please join us Sunday, March 30 at 5:00 pm in the office conference room for a brief meeting to share the theme and ideas for decorating. Once we have a plan and a resource list, some of the decorations can be made in the comfort of your own home. Your investment of time and effort into the details, like decorating, will create lasting memories in the lives of kids and ultimately impact the next generation.



Sowing Peace

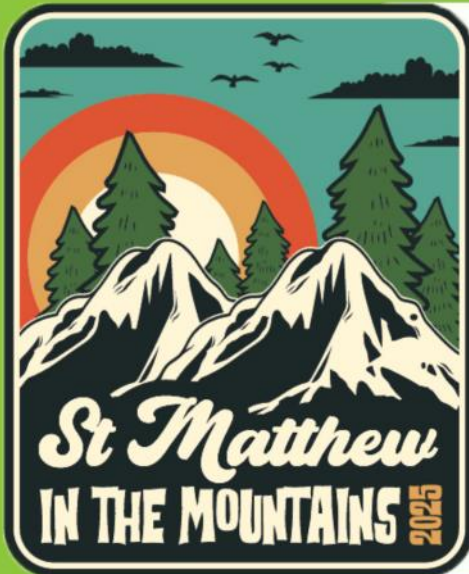
Digging into Lenten Themes of Lament, Repent & Forgive

Begins March 9 through April 13, 4-5 PM. in the Conference Room.

Are you overwhelmed by what's happening in the news, and you're not sure what to do?

Join us for our Lenten series, *Sowing Peace: Digging into Lenten Themes of Lament, Repent, and Forgive*, which will create a space to process our fear, sadness, and anger, as well as guide us in discerning how to respond to the injustices we're seeing.

Facilitated by Janice Hughey, Susan White, Judi Misner and Donna Brown.



LAST CALL!!

Deadline to register is THIS Sunday, March 30th

Find the link at stmatthewumc.net or scan the QR code





9:00 am Order of Worship

March 30, 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 15:1-10

Sermon

"Notorious Sinners"

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

“Panis Angelicus”

Cesar Franck

Greetings & Announcements

Rev. Janice Hughey

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

UMH 62

***Call to Worship**

Terhune Sudderth

When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...

God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.

When the truth clogs up in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. 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

“Prayer of Consecration”

Chancel Choir

***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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Wilbur Held

*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

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart "

UMH 160

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Terhune Sudderth

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Notorious Sinners"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

UMH 383

*Benediction

* Postlude

"At the Foot of the Cross"

Giovanni Pergolesi

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Organist: Charlie Jones

Ushers: Jake Fine, Lee Geddie, Jason Lynch,

Liturgist: Terhune Sudderth

Marc Murphy

Acolyte: Frances Carrington

Greeters:

Crucifer:

Scripture

Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. ² And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man ^[a] receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' ⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine ^[b] just persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver ^[c] coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds *it*? ⁹ *And when she has found it*, she calls *her* friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' ¹⁰ Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



St. Matthew United Methodist Church

April 30, 2025

9:30AM – 2:00PM

701 Cleveland St. Greenville, SC 29601

Room Name: Gym

Come give 4/14 to 4/30 for a Red Cross T-shirt, Ltd. Qty
+ chance to win \$5K prize



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Meanderers' Lunch

April 17th, 11:30 am

Blockhouse Restaurant & Oyster Bar
1619 Augusta St., Greenville SC 29605

Great Food, Conversation, & Fellowship!!

Contact Betty Davis for any questions

864-238-3059



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



We are collecting filled eggs for our
St. Matthew Easter Egg Hunt.
Please drop off your prefilled eggs at the office
or in the Narthex anytime until April 16.

Thank you!



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!

Women's Lenten Bible Study—

Sundays through April 13

VBS Decorating Meeting March 30

St. Matthew In The Mountains – April 11-13

Meanderers' Lunch— April 17

Red Cross Blood Drive-April 30

Vacation Bible School— June 23-26

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pat Wood
- Larry Carter, Don & Beth Shoemaker's son-in-law
- Jody Webb's father
- Ellen Jordan
- Ethel Sherrill
- Kim Geddie's mom
- Amy King
- Eric Mitchell's father
- Paul Thorn's mother
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Prayers for our nation & world