

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

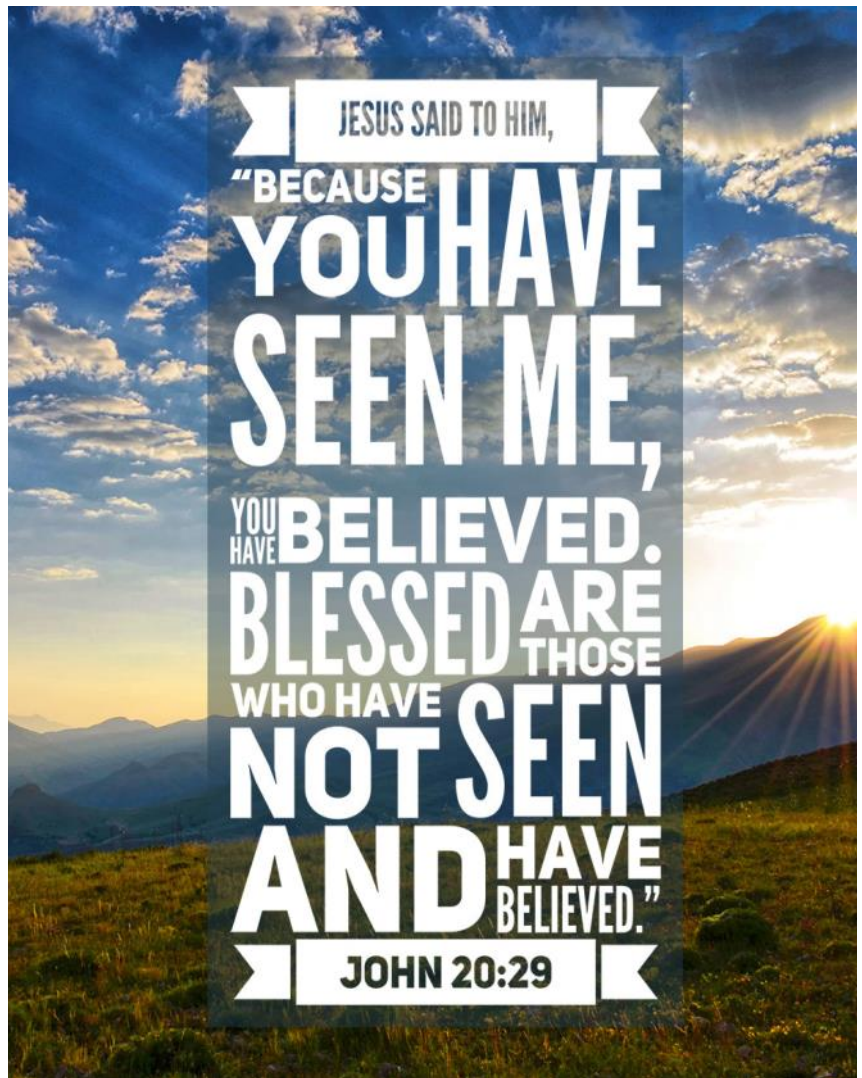
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

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.



April 27, 2025



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



REALLY GOOD, REALLY BIG
REALLY CHEAP
BOOK SALE

We are collecting books for The Greenville Literacy Association's upcoming book sale. We will have collection boxes in the Narthex and in The Branch for the month of May, or you are welcome to bring them by the church office.

GLA
GREENVILLE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

2025 SALE DATES
AUGUST 9-10
225 S. PLEASANTBURG DR.



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

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR
EMAIL
OUTREACHSTMATTHEW@GMAIL.COM

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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 outreachstmattthew@gmail.com if this sounds like you!



**GIVE HOPE
THIS SPRING.**

Give blood.

 **American
Red Cross**

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



For an appointment, please scan or visit RedCrossBlood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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St. Matthew

Church

Work Day

Together, We Clean, Together, We Care.

 **Saturday**
May 3, 2025

 **From 9 AM-12 PM**

701 Cleveland St. Greenville, SC 29601

SCAN HERE



Help us get ready for our Fire Marshal Inspection



9:00 am Order of Worship

April 27, 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

John 20:19-31

Sermon

"Seeing Is Believing"

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

“Air en Echo”

de La Land

Greetings & Announcements

Rev. Janice Hughey

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

UMH 715

***Call to Worship**

Patton Fiske

This is the good news— the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news— the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news— once we were no people, now we are God’s people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

***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

***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. 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

"Musette"

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**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee "

UMH 452

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Patton Fiske

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Seeing Is Believing"

Rev. McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling "

UMH 384

***Benediction**

*** Postlude**

"Rigaudon"

Gordon Young

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Organist: Charlie Jones

Ushers: Jason Cormey, Tom McIntyre, Don Smith,

Liturgist: Patton Fiske

Mark Swilley

Acolyte:

Greeters: Faithful Followers Sunday School

Crucifer: Cypriana Brannon

Scripture

John 20:19-31

The Apostles Commissioned

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were ^[a]assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

Seeing and Believing

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, ^[b]"Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

That You May Believe

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

St. Matthew Happenings



PRESCHOOL ADMISSION

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



Email Christina Via
cvia@stmatthewumc.net



ENROLL
NOW



Sign up and help with
current acolyte and
crucifer openings



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.

PickleBall ST. MATTHEW

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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SAVE THE DATE



**Red Cross Blood Drive- April 30
(No Pickleball today)**



Church Clean Up Day- May 3



**Greenville Literacy Book Drive-Month
of May**



Vacation Bible School- June 23-26



**PRAYER
&
PRAISE**

- Pat Wood
- Nancy Leach
- Larry Carter, Don & Beth Shoemaker's son-in-law
- Jody Webb's father
- Doyle Yates
- Nancy Field
- Ethel Sherrill
- Amy King
- Eric Mitchell's father
- Paul Thorn's mother
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Prayers for our nation & world