

**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**

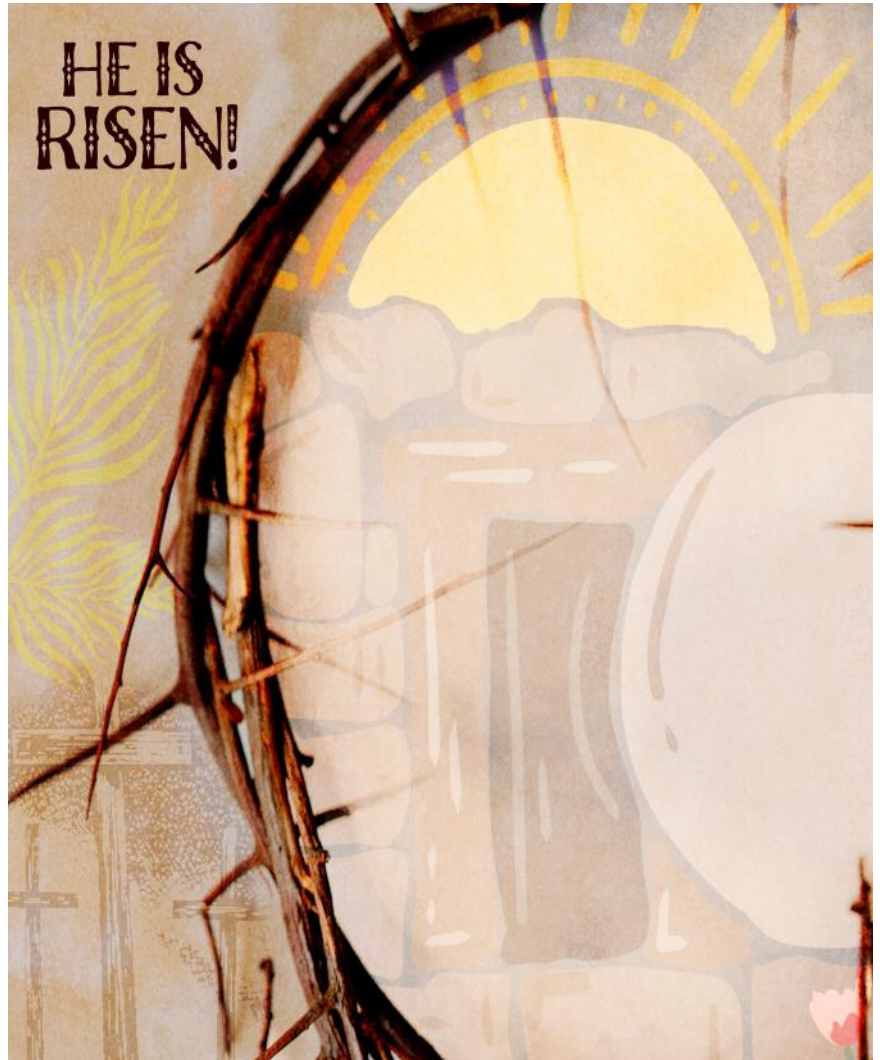
Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary

### **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.



**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**Easter Sunday**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



**We had another amazing time at Saint Matthew in the Mountains this year. Great weather, fun and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you next year for SMIM 2026!**

St. Matthew UMC  
Weekday Preschool

**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

The graphic features a circular logo with children's faces, a central heart-shaped collage of children's photos, and various icons like a pencil, pushpin, stars, and a magnifying glass.

**GIVE HOPE  
THIS SPRING.**

Give blood.

American Red Cross

The graphic features a stylized tree made of colorful icons representing various needs like food, shelter, and clothing.

**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](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



## 9:00 am Order of Worship

**April 20, 2025**

**Announcements**

**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: 1-18

**Sermon**

"A Glimpse of Hope"

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**

“The Strife is O’er”

Wilbur Held

## **Greetings & Announcements**

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Rev. Janice Hughey

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

## **\*Chiming of the Hour**

## **\*Processional Hymn**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

UMH 302

## **\*Call to Worship (Unison)**

Bonnie Lynch

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death,  
And to those in the tombs restoring life!

**All: Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death,  
And to those in the tombs restoring life!**

Leader: Alleluia! The risen Christ is with us!

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **\*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 ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## **Children’s Moment**

*After the children’s moment, children ages K4-2nd grade may go to the back of the Sanctuary to be led to Children’s church. **If this is your child’s first time** in Children’s Church, please walk them to the Sanctuary Entrance. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.*

## **Special Music**

“Crown Him, the Risen King”

Chancel Choir

Congregation please stand and sing on the last stanza.

Crown Him the Lord of Life.

Who triumphed o’er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring and lives  
that death may die.

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

“Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

**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 11:10 am (864)643-9968

### 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

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Wilbur Held

### \*The Doxology

UMH 95

**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

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

UMH 322

### Scripture Reading

John 20: 1-18

Bonnie Lynch

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"A Glimpse of Hope"

Rev. McPherson

### \*Closing Hymn

"He Lives"

UMH 310

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

"Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter"

James Biery

*(Children's activity folders are available in baskets at the side doors of the Sanctuary)*

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

*Organist:* Charlie Jones

*Liturgist:* Bonnie Lynch

*Crucifer:*

*Acolyte:* Lowry and Emery Sides

*Ushers:* Jason Cormey, Tom McIntyre, Don Smith,

Mark Swilley

*Greeters:* Growing in Faith Class

## 11:00 am Scripture John 20: 1-18 (NRSV)

### The Resurrection of Jesus

**20** <sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

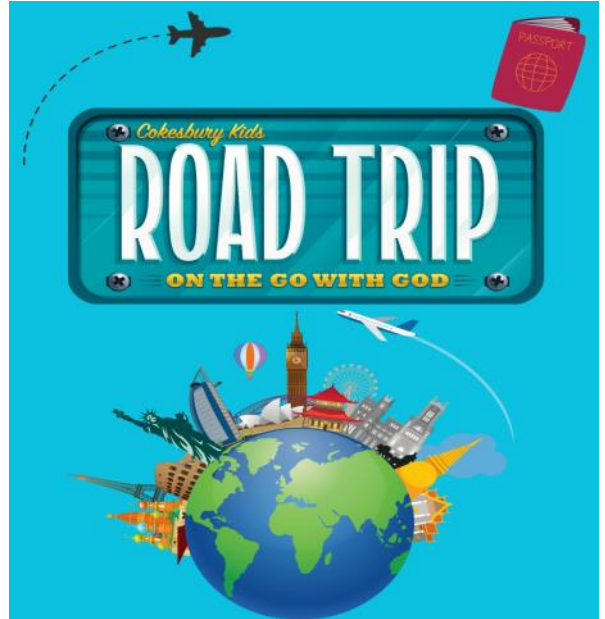
### Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look [\[a\]](#) into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, [\[b\]](#) 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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Sign up and help with current acolyte and crucifer openings



Save the date for this year's Vacation Bible School, June 23-26. This year's theme is "Road Trip."

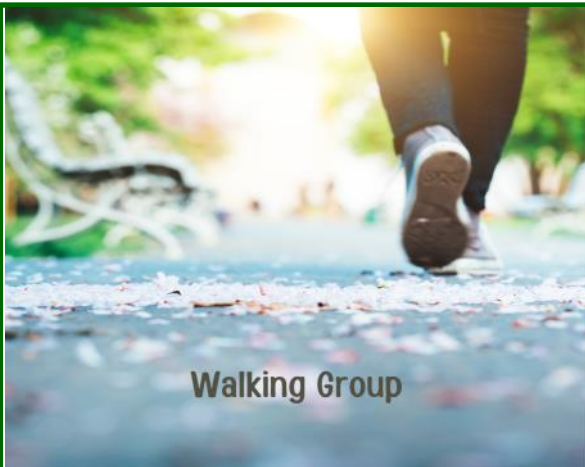
  
**PickleBall**  
ST. MATTHEW



**COME JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL!**

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

And Wednesdays from 2pm—4pm



**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.

## 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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# St. Matthew Happenings

## SAVE THE DATES!

**Blood Drive**—April 30

**Vacation Bible School**— June 23-26

**Greenville Literacy Association Book Drive**—  
month of May

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

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