

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.

Be Still
before the Lord
and
Wait Patiently
for him.

Psalms 37:7




May 18, 2025
Confirmation Sunday



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

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



GRADUATION SUNDAY
Sunday, June 15th at 10 am
Family Life Center

If you or your child is graduating, please let us know so we can recognize St. Matthew graduates. This includes high school, college, or grad school.
officeadmin@stmatthewumc.net



Vacation Bible School
Join us **June 23-26**
Registration is OPEN!

Scan the QR code or find info at stmatthewumc.net

Cokesbury Kids
ROAD TRIP
ON THE GO WITH GOD



Vacation Bible School registration AND volunteer sign up is available now! Scan the QR code to register or help us make this VBS the best one yet!





9:00 am Order of Worship

May 18, 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

Psalm 37:1-9

Sermon

"Do Good"

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

“Adagio”

Alessandro Marcello

Greetings & Announcements

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

UMH 62

***Call to Worship**

Terhune Sudderth

We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

We speak different languages and sing different hymns.

We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.

We join together on one journey,

the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.

We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God’s will is done.

Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship and true communion with God this day. 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. McPherson

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**

“Amazing Grace”

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. 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

"Adagio"

Arcangelo Corelli

*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

"How Great Thou Art "

UMH 77

The Confirmation of Catherine Elizabeth Cormey, Miriam Jane Fairey, Josephine Kendrick Johnson and Lowry Camille Sides and the Baptism of Miriam Jane Fairey

UMH 33

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:1-9

Terhune Sudderth

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Do Good"

Rev. McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Marching to Zion "

UMH 733

*Benediction

* Postlude

"Rondo"

John Bull

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist: Terhune Sudderth

Ushers: Tom Anderson, Edward Johnson, Doug Webb

Acolyte: Frances Carrington

Crucifer:

Greeters: Growing in Faith Sunday School

Scripture

Psalm 37:1-9

Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

4 Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit[a] your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.

6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.

7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Do not fret—it only causes harm.

9 For evildoers shall be [b]cut off;
But those who wait on the Lord,
They shall inherit the earth.

St. Matthew Happenings



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

Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BEGINNING MAY 25

**ONE SERVICE 10 AM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**



VOLUNTEER FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH!

No prep needed! Just a heart to help with children!

Find the signup on the home page of stmatthewumc.net or scan the QR code.



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



Confirmation Sunday- Today



Memorial Day- Office closed



Greenville Literacy Book Drive-Month of May



Graduation Sunday- June 15



Vacation Bible School- June 23-26

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Pat Wood
- Sue Dempsey
- 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
- Susan White's father