

**10:00 am -11:00 am**

Worship in the Family  
Life Center

**11:00 am -12:00 pm**

Children, Youth & Adult  
Sunday School

### **Welcome!**

We're so glad you are  
worshiping with us, and a  
special welcome to our  
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 of St. Matthew UMC,  
please speak with our  
pastor or ministry staff.  
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.

# Salkehatchie Sunday

Sunday, August 10

10am Combined Service



**August 10, 2025**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings

## NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

“Hate the Sin, Love the Sinner”



Sunday, August 10

### Promotion Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks +  
3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Today is a BIG day for St. Matthew Students! During Worship at 10 am, we will celebrate the start of a new school year with Blessing of the Backpacks and our Third Grade Bible Presentation. All children may bring their backpack with them up to the front for a special blessing and our rising third graders will be presented with a new Bible. During the Sunday School hour at 11am, we will celebrate the start of a new school year and new Sunday School classes!



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**A little goes a long way.  
Give blood.**

**Wednesday, September 3rd**  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the gym

**Sign Up Today:**

Find the link at [stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)  
or scan the QR code.





# Salkehatchie 2025



# 10:00 am Order of Worship

*(Children's activity folders are available in baskets on the table)*

## Greetings & Announcements

Rev. Kurt McPherson

## \*Passing of the Peace

## \*Opening Worship Songs

## Presentation of Bibles

Rev. Kurt McPherson Bridgette Bagwell  
Alex Aniya Bradley, Maddux Vaden Fine, James Edward Johnson III

## The Blessing of the Backpacks

## \*Psalter

Psalm 107:1-9

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God;  
**whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,  
is the joy of all the earth,**  
Mount Zion, in the far north,  
the city of the great Ruler.

**Within its citadels God  
has proven a sure defense.**

For lo, the kings assembled,  
they marched together.

**As soon as they saw it, they were astounded,  
they were in panic, they took to flight;,  
trembling took hold of them there,  
anguish as of a woman in travail,  
as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.**

As we have heard, so we have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes for ever.  
**We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.**

## \*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 to 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.**

### **Offertory**

#### **\*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**

### **Salkehatchie Testimonies**

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

#### **\*Benediction**

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

Liturgist – Tim Brookshire

Ushers: Jason Cormey, Tom Anderson, Lee  
Geddie, Jim Shew

*You may give your offering by placing them in the offering plate or other options to give:  
text the word GIVE to 864-659-1812, or online at StMatthewUMC.net*





# BACK TO SCHOOL Breakfast





# St. Matthew Happenings



## Meanderers' LUNCH



Thursday, August 21 at 11:30 am

Eggs Up Grill

3935 Pelham Road near I-85



(Same Building as 5 Guys Burgers)

Bus will leave the church at 11:00 if needed



Questions? Call Gary or Nancy Groff  
864-884-0660



## JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Current and new singers are invited to join the Chancel Choir as we kick off the fall semester and begin to rehearse for our Christmas cantata, "Night of Wonder, Night of Joy".

Join us on Wednesday, August 27th, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the choir room for an evening of rehearsing Christmas music, enjoying refreshments, and a time of wonderful fellowship. High school students through adults are invited to join us! The choir sings for the traditional worship service at 11:00 am on Sundays and rehearses on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 pm.

Let Amy King know you will be attending or email her at [akingsings88@gmail.com](mailto:akingsings88@gmail.com). Come and bring someone with you!

 Triune Mercy Center



## 5th Saturday at Triune



Join us on August 30 at 11:30 am at Triune Mercy Center as we serve lunch to our community.



### 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](http://stmatthewumc.net) or scan the QR code.



## Church Calendar

Find the calendar link at the bottom of the homepage:  
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## 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)

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# St. Matthew Happenings

**Summer Pickleball** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**Meanderers' Lunch**- August 21

**Chancel Choir/Christmas Cantata Practice**- August 27

**5th Saturday at Triune**- August 30

**Red Cross Blood Drive**- September 3

**70th Anniversary Celebration**- October 19

**Charge Conference**- October 27, 6:00 pm

## Prayer & Praise



- Pat Wood
- Larry Carter, Don & Beth Shoemaker's son-in-law
- Amy King
- Eric Mitchell's father
- Doyle Yates
- Nancy Leach
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Sue Dempsey
- Jeane Bowen
- Baby Khyros, grandson of the Shoemakers
- Bob Groover
- Sue Edmonds
- Ethel Sherrill
- Brad Rustin
- Adair & Jim Boatman
- Shannon Edmunds
- Steve Quam
- The Fine family
- Linda Thomas
- Elinor DeYoung
- Ann Osborne
- Donna Brown's mother