

**9:00am–9:45am**

The Branch Worship  
in the Family Life Center

**10:00am–10:45am**

Sunday School for all

**11:00am–12:00pm**

Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary

### **Welcome!**

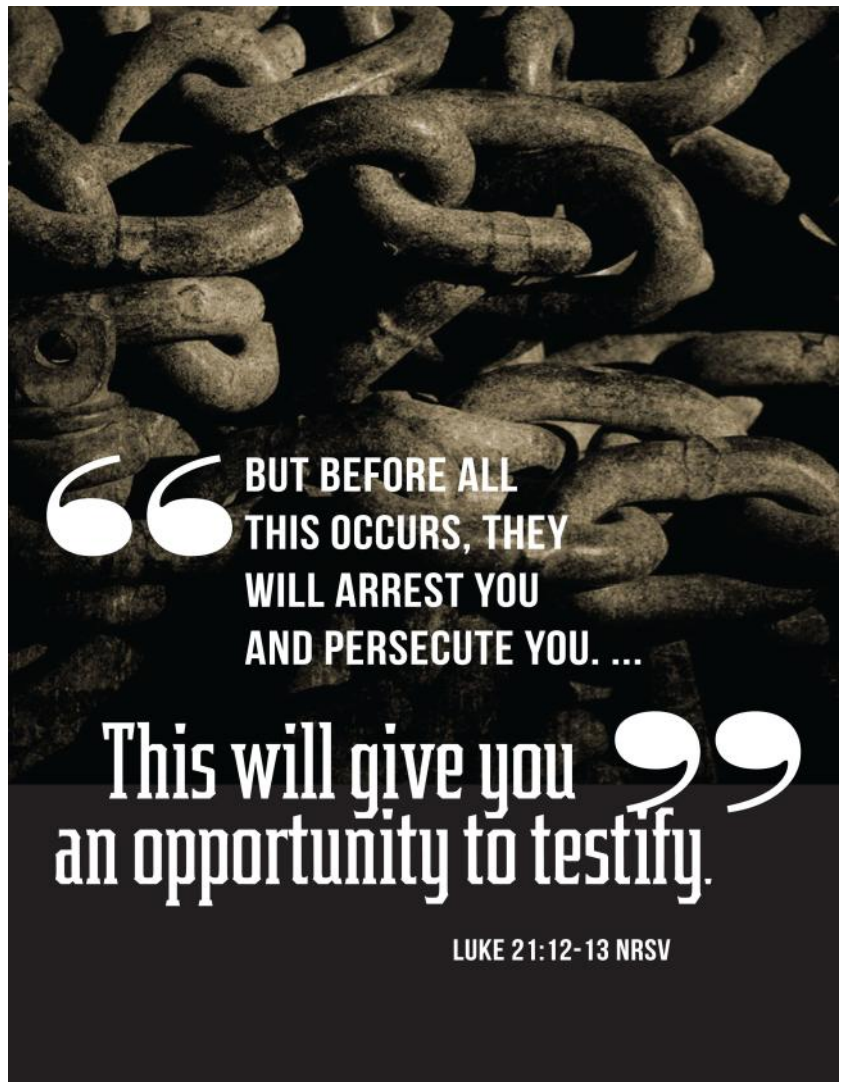
We're glad you are  
worshiping with us, and a  
special welcome to our  
guests.

We trust you will feel the  
presence of God among  
us and hope you will want  
to worship with us again.

For any questions about  
becoming a part of the  
life of St. Matthew UMC,  
please speak with our  
pastor or ministry staff.  
We believe you will find  
St. Matthew a wonderful  
place to call your church  
home.

### **Our Mission**

To build life-changing  
relationships with God,  
one another, and our  
community.



**BUT BEFORE ALL  
THIS OCCURS, THEY  
WILL ARREST YOU  
AND PERSECUTE YOU. ...**

**This will give you  
an opportunity to testify.**

**LUKE 21:12-13 NRSV**

**November 16, 2025**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



## Greenville Juvenile Detention Center Lunch Friday, November 21 @ 11am

We will be serving lunch to the inmates and staff at the Greenville Juvenile Detention Center (GJDC) providing a meal of turkey with all the trimmings for around 50 people. Those who help serve will get to eat and visit with the 12-18 year old inmates.

We could use everyone's help providing food or helping serve the meal. Let us be thankful for what we have and share with the boys at GJDC.

Questions? Contact Betsy Boaze at  
betsyboaze@charter.net or 864-313-6654.

Sign-up to Volunteer!



A night of fellowship, football & fun!

## fall adult social



NOVEMBER 21

6:00-9:30 PM

THE SUDDERTHS HOME  
110 RIDGELAND DRIVE

RSVP: [stmatthewumc.net/events](http://stmatthewumc.net/events)

## Stewardship Sunday

A day to celebrate and  
recommit our time, talents,  
and treasures to God's work.

November 23

9am & 11am: Worship

10am: Celebration Brunch



United Ministries

## Food Drive

Now through Thanksgiving



Collecting canned goods & non-perishable  
foods. Please bring your donations to the  
church office or Sunday worship services.



## 9:00am Order of Worship

**November 16, 2025**

**Announcements**

**Greeting Time**

**Opening Worship Songs**

**Prayer**

*Please text prayers and praises by 9:10am to (864) 643-9968*

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Unison*)

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.

**Stewardship Moment**

Mike Wattenbarger

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 21:5-19

**Sermon**

"Temples"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

**Closing Worship Song**

**Dismissal & Blessing**

The Branch is a family-friendly service. Children's worship packets are available at the welcome table. Please return folders to the table at the end of the service.

A nursery for newborns through 24 months and preschool class for ages 2 through K4 is available starting at 8:45am on the first floor of the Education Building.

Offering boxes are on the Welcome Table.

# 11:00 am Order of Worship

\*Congregation stands, as able

## Prelude

"Invocation in B Flat"

Alexandre Guilmant

## Greetings & Announcements

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*Processional Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

UMH 154

### \*Call to Worship

Come, all who feel alone, forgotten, or unsure.

**God is here faithful in every moment.**

Come, all who rejoice and give thanks.

**God rejoices with us and receives our praise.**

In all seasons, through all things-

**We worship the One who never leaves us. Amen.**

### \*Gloria Patri (*Unison*)

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

*After, children ages K4-5th may go to Children's Church. Younger children may be taken to nursery or preschool.*

## Special Music

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Jody Webb

### \*Psalter

Psalms 8

UMH 743

### \*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*) "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

*Please text joys and concerns by 11:10am to (864) 643-9968*

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

Rev. Kurt McPherson

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### The Offering

*You may give your offering in one of three ways: place check or cash in the offering plate, text the word "GIVE" to 864-659-1812, or give online at [stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)*

### Offertory

"I Lord Most Holy"

Franz Abt

### \*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

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH 130

### Stewardship Moment

Patton Fiske

### Scripture Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Tim Brookshire

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Temples"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

### \*Closing Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH 377

### \*Benediction

### \* Postlude

"The Heavens Are Telling"

Ludwig Van Beethoven

## The Worship is Over– Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist: Tim Brookshire

Acolyte: Cate Cormey & Kendrick  
Johnson

Ushers: Tom Anderson, Jason Cormey, Jason  
Lynch, Tom McIntyre

Greeters: Growing In Faith Sunday School

# Scripture

## Luke 21:5-19

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

### Signs and Persecutions

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' <sup>[a]</sup> and, 'The time is near!' <sup>[b]</sup> Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words <sup>[c]</sup> and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.



## St. Matthew Happenings

### Meanderers Lunch



November 20 | 11:30am  
Harvey's Family Restaurant

# WOW!



A Christmas Nativity

### Children's Pageant

December 7 at 10:15am (Sanctuary)  
*light refreshments to follow*

SAVE THE DATE

## St. Matthew *in the mountains*

February 20-22, 2026  
Pleasant Ridge Camp & Retreat Center

## Save the Date!



### Vacation Bible School

July 27-31, 2026

## Contact Us

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## Stay In Touch

Find the calendar link at the bottom of our website homepage.

Sign up for our weekly e-blast for the latest updates. Call the office to receive a paper copy.

## Church Staff

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# St. Matthew Happenings

**Walking Group** - Mondays @ 10am

**Pickleball** - Mondays @ 1-3pm & Wednesdays @ 2-4pm

**Women's Bible Study** - Tuesdays @ 5:45pm

**Meanderers** - November 20

**GJDC Lunch** - November 21

**Village Engage 4th Friday Conversation** - November 21

**Fall Adult Social** - November 21

**Stewardship Sunday** - November 23

**Triune 5th Saturday Lunch** - November 29

**Children's Christmas Pageant** - December 7

**Christmas Cantata** - December 14

**Carols on Cleveland** - December 17

## Prayer & Praise

Pat Wood

Ethel Sherrill

Stacey Thomas

Bob Davis

Steve Quam

Sue Dempsey

Doyle Yates

Nancy Leach

Don Shoemaker

Sue Edmonds

Elinor DeYoung

Ann Osborne

Lois Reid

Hall Tuner, Sarah Smith's  
bother

Kim Geddie

Amy King's mom