

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!

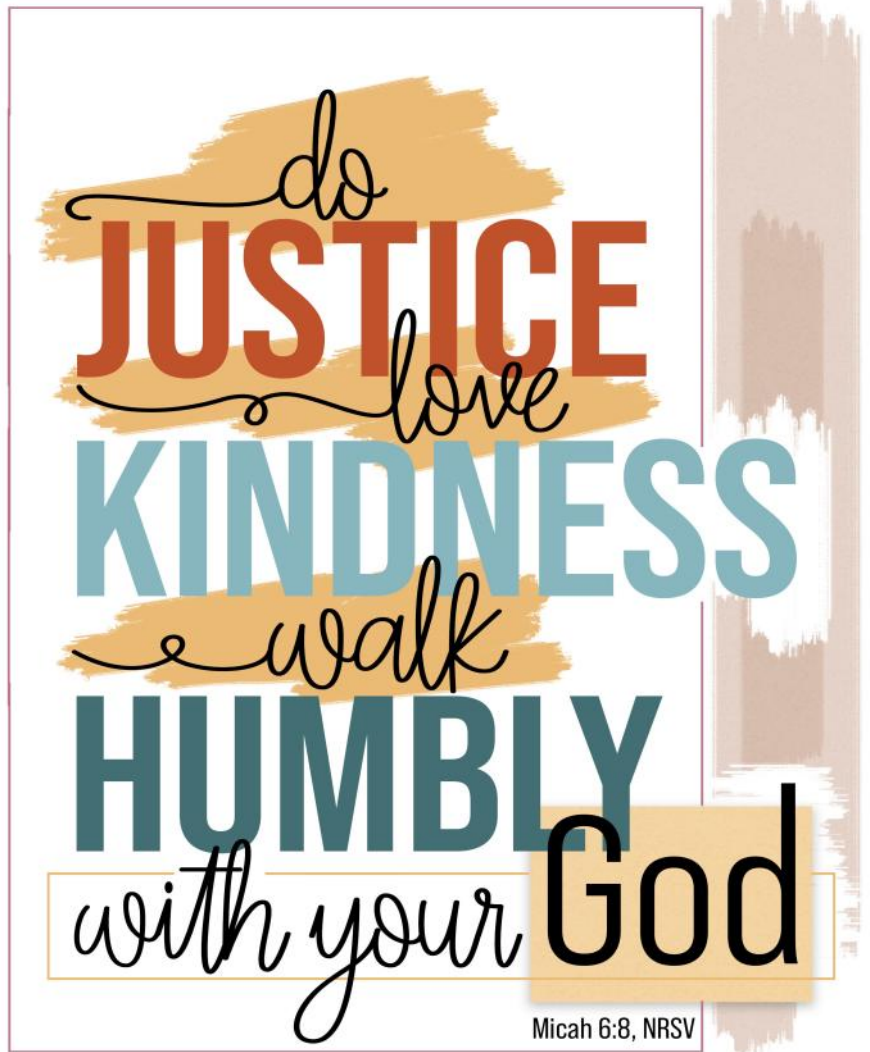
We're glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.



February 8, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings

Lenten Bible Study

Sundays @ 5pm | Wednesdays @ 10am

Sign up by February 8!
Books will be ordered for you.



Altar Guild Training

February 8 | 12 pm | Sanctuary



happy birthday!

**Ann Osborne is turning 105
on February 11!**

This morning during both worship services, the Congregational Care Team will have a big birthday card for everyone to sign.

Please stop by and sign your name or share a birthday greeting with Ann. What an incredible milestone!

Birthday greetings can also be sent to Ann Osborne at Fairview Park Assisted Living, 544 Harrison Bridge Rd., Apt. 205, Simpsonville, SC 29680.

Thank you!
Betty Davis, Congregational Care Team

Meanderers Lunch

February 19 | 11:30am
The Ottaray Raw Bar & Taphouse



9:00am Order of Worship

February 8, 2026

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

Pastoral 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.

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Sermon

"What Is Good?"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Observance of Holy Communion

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 Worship

*Congregation stands, as able

Prelude

"Prelude on Evan"

Gordon Young

Greetings & Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH 127

***Call to Worship**

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

***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 ever shall 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

"O Lord of Hosts, My God and King"

Chancel Choir

***Psalter**

Psalms 25:1-10

UMH 757

***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

Offertory

"Elevation in F Major"

Alexandre Guilmant

*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

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH 145

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Tom McIntyre

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"What Is Good?"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Observance of Holy Communion

UMH 12

*Closing Hymn

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

UMH 361

*Benediction

* Postlude

"Prelude on Tallis' Canon"

Gordon Young

The Worship is Over– Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist: Tom McIntyre

Acolytes: Emery & Lowry Sides

Ushers: Jason Cormey, Jake Fine, Mike Shull, Doug Webb

Greeters: Trinity Sunday School

Scripture

Micah 6:1-8

God Challenges Israel

6 Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

What God Requires

6 "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

St. Matthew Happenings



DRIBBLE ON OVER FOR AN ICE CREAM
PARTY TO CELEBRATE A GREAT SEASON!

Sunday **22** *February*

4:30 PM

ST. MATTHEW UMC
FAMILY LIFE CENTER (GYM)
701 CLEVELAND STREET



Our youth soaked up every moment of their skiing and snowboarding adventure in Winterplace, West Virginia! Grateful for the many ways God uses time together to shape hearts and strengthen friendships.



Now enrolling for 2026-2027!



Pickleball Group

Mondays @ 1-3 pm
Wednesdays @ 2-4 pm

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.

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group - Mondays @ 10am

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

Faith & Immigration Justice Small Group -

Tuesdays @ 6pm

Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

Altar Guild Training - Today

Ash Wednesday Service - February 18

Meanderers Lunch - February 19

St. Matthew in the Mountains - February 20-22

Lenten Bible Study - begins February 22 & 25

VBS - July 27-31

Prayer Requests

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

Stacey Thomas

Bob Davis

Steve Quam

Brian & Nancy Leach

Jody Webb & her dad

Judi Misner & Family

The Wood family

Linda Thomas

Ann Osborne

Lois Reid

Elinor DeYoung

The Dempsey Family

Mike Shull's mom, Christine